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Rain Drives Kick-Off Out of Killian Court

By Brett Altschul
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Intermittent rain yesterday forced Killian Kick-Off, the event that opens rush, out of the court that shares its name and into Johnson Athletics Center.

The new location caused several changes to the program. The three speakers who were scheduled to introduce the various living options all gave abbreviated versions of their speeches.

Ashesh P. Shah '98, president of the dormitory council, took two sentences to tell freshmen to enjoy rush.

Bonnie S. Cheung '98, president of the women's conference, told women that rush was for them, too. "Whatever you do, just have a blast and get the most out

of rush," she said.

Finally, Interfraternity Council Rush Chair Jorge F. Rodriguez '98, told freshmen that rush was one of the most important times of their lives.

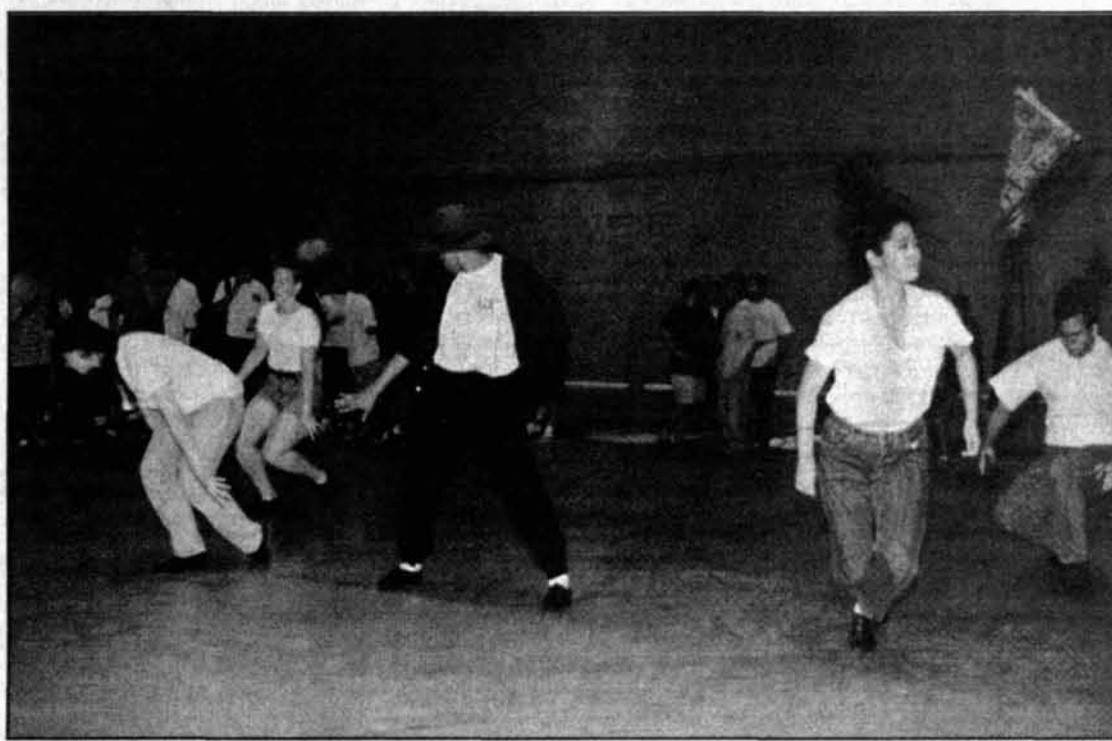
"Indeed, it will be fun," he said. "Take the time to do rush and nothing else."

Rodriguez then started rush with the traditional phrase: "Let the rush begin!"

Skits entertain freshmen

Before hearing the speakers, the freshmen saw several performances, had a chance to mingle with upperclassmen, and ate ice cream. At the beginning of the kick-off, the freshmen were seated

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GREG KUHNEN—THE TECH

Dance Troupe performs at Killian Kick-Off, relocated to the Johnson Athletics Center because of rain.

Summer Construction Continues Well into R/O Week

By Douglas E. Heimbarger
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

An unusually high amount of summer construction in MIT dormitories has spilled over into Residence and Orientation Week, wreaking havoc and angering some residents.

At Senior House, Shawmut Design and Construction was scheduled to finish major construction on a new portico and grand entrance by 5 p.m. yesterday, said Ronald J. Catella, a project manager for Physical Plant who oversees the

project.

"It's very close to done," Catella said. "As far as accessibility and usability, everything will be okay."

Earlier in the summer, construction closed both entrances to Senior House, forcing residents to either prop open a loading dock or not gain entrance to the dormitory, according to Senior House President Victor P. Moralez '98.

"You couldn't win: either it was open and there was some security hazard or it wasn't and you couldn't get into the house," Moralez said.

However, administration officials said that the problems were not serious. "Those particular things probably happened for only times of five or ten minutes," said Senior House Manager Jack Ahern. "It's not like you're going for hours on end and not being able to get in."

Problems plague renovations

A steam line under the sidewalk in front of Senior House was found to be in poor condition, forcing contractors to replace it as part of the project, Catella said.

As a result of the steam line replacement, the project was delayed almost two weeks, said Carl A. Jay, project manager for Shawmut.

Communication between Senior House residents and the construction company also disintegrated over the summer, Moralez said. "Originally, we were given a very

definite plan" for which entrances and exits would be closed.

However, eventually residents had to search for which exits and entrances were available. "They didn't live up to even the most minimal standards" of communication, Moralez said.

"We met with the students on Monday and got a list of their concerns" about the construction, which are now being dealt with, Jay said.

After all students return in September, they will be invited to look for construction workmanship problems to be fixed. The students will then have a meeting to address "the quality of the workmanship," Jay said.

The Department of Housing and Food Services also attempted to encourage as many residents as possible to move out from Senior House during the reconstruction, Ahern said.

Those remaining chose to stay despite the inconveniences of the construction. "There were many meetings and this was clearly spelled out," Ahern said.

Construction occurs elsewhere

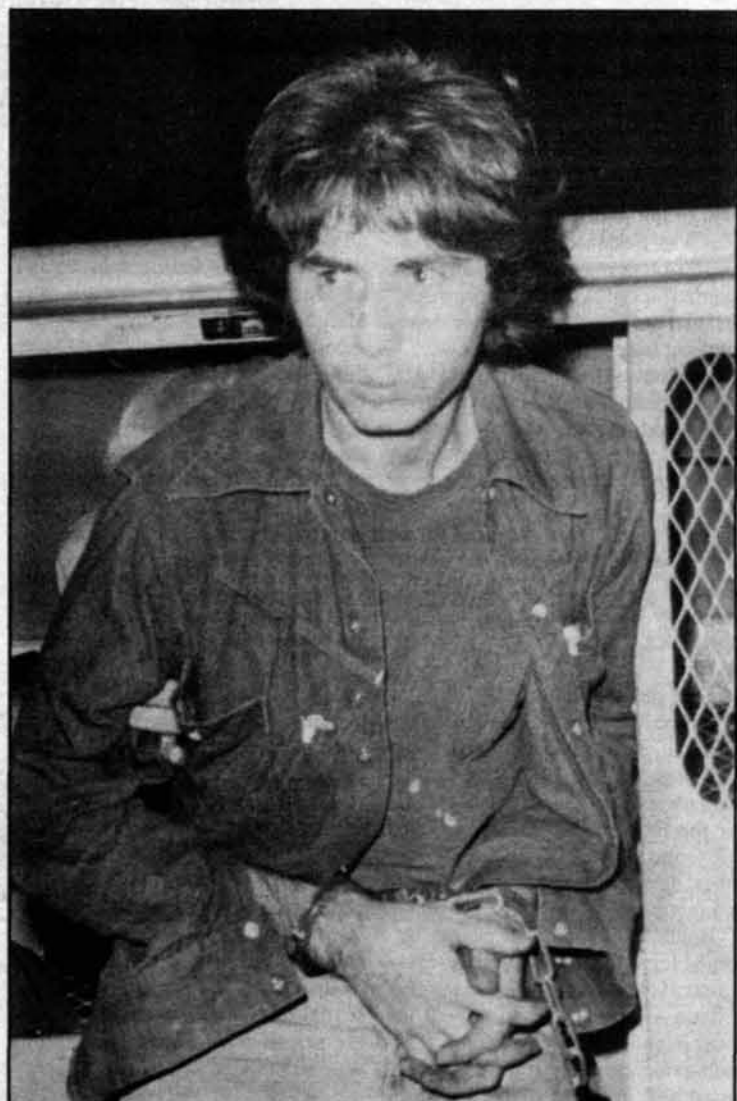
As part of a major program of renovation and reconstruction, work at other dormitories has also lasted into R/O week.

At New House, construction of a new dormitory desk began about three weeks ago, according to Jeffrey S. Kahle '98, desk captain.

Currently, when residents come in the front door one hallway is "entirely blocked off with walls surrounding the construction site."

The new desk is currently scheduled to open Monday, Kahle said. "This is one of the worst times" to move the desk because of the pres-

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Richard J. Picariello is a convicted terrorist bomber who was arrested last month by the Campus Police for trespassing. He is shown here going to court in Dedham, Mass. on Oct. 22, 1976.

CPs Arrest Convicted Bomber

By Daniel C. Stevenson
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

A New England man who accused the Campus Police of harassment when they arrested him last month is a convicted terrorist bomber who was once on the FBI's "10 Most Wanted" list.

Richard J. Picariello, 48, was arrested for trespassing and other charges in the lounge on the second floor of the Student Center on the evening of July 22.

Picariello was convicted in 1977 and 1978 for bombing an airplane at Logan Airport, National Guard trucks, a courthouse, and a power company headquarters, for robbing a bank, and for interstate transportation of explosives. He served federal and state sentences for those crimes until 1993, and was then imprisoned in Maine for parole violations. Picariello has spent more than 25 years in prison for various crimes.

Picariello alleges that Campus Police officers harassed and brutalized him and is filing a lawsuit against MIT, according to a poster distributed around cam-

pus.

"We believe Mr. Picariello was not assaulted," said Senior Vice President William R. Dickson '56. The matter "will play itself out in court."

Claimed to be waiting for meeting

Around 6:20 p.m. on July 22 a Campus Police officer "approached [Picariello] and asked him who he was and did he belong there," said Brian Heffron of the Middlesex County District Attorney's office. "At that point Mr. Picariello attacked the officer and kicked him," Heffron said.

The poster claimed that Picariello was waiting for a meeting in La Sala de Puerto Rico. However, the only meetings in the Student Center were for the Division of Planetary Sciences, which had the entire building booked for that week according to the Campus Activities Complex.

Picariello was arrested for disorderly conduct and assault and battery. He was arraigned the following day in Cambridge District Court on charges of disorderly conduct,

assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, trespassing, and resisting arrest. The weapon was Picariello's foot when he kicked the officer.

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WORLD & NATION

Clinton Urges High Court To Uphold Diversity Ruling

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The Clinton administration on Friday urged the Supreme Court to uphold a ruling awarding damages to a white New Jersey teacher laid off by a school board that sought to promote racial diversity by keeping an equally qualified black instructor.

But Acting Solicitor General Walter Dellinger implored the justices to interpret the case narrowly and not use it as a vehicle to bar any affirmative action-related employment decisions except those made to remedy past discrimination.

If the court chooses to tackle the broader issue, Dellinger said there are circumstances — not presented by the New Jersey case — where employers should be able to take race into account for reasons other than remedying past discrimination.

These would include a law enforcement agency assigning an undercover officer of the same race to infiltrate a racially homogeneous gang, or taking action to achieve a racially diverse police force to win public support needed to prevent and solve crime against a backdrop of racial unrest, Dellinger said.

But in the case of the white Piscataway, N.J., business education teacher, Dellinger asked that the justices affirm the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals' ruling in her favor solely on the ground that the layoff "unnecessarily trampled" her interests.

The 3rd Circuit ruling "erred" by going further and holding that Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act bars "all nonremedial, race-conscious employment decisions," Dellinger said.

White House Eases Travel Restrictions to Cuba for Papal Visit

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The Clinton administration on Friday eased slightly its restrictions on travel to Cuba, authorizing Roman Catholics to charter a cruise ship to the Communist-ruled island when Pope John Paul II visits there in January.

State Department spokesman James P. Rubin announced the decision to permit about 1,000 pilgrims to make the trip, on a vessel provided by the Archdiocese of Miami, to attend a Mass on the final day of the pope's planned five-day visit.

"The United States government views the pope's visit as a potentially important event in bringing to the Cuban people a message of hope and the need for respect of human rights," Rubin said.

Although Friday's announcement covered only the Miami archdiocese plans, Rubin hinted that Americans may also be permitted to travel to the island by other means during the papal visit. He did not elaborate.

President Clinton last year tightened restrictions on travel from the United States to Cuba, banning charter flights and other direct transportation. Scheduled airline service from the United States to Cuba has been prohibited for most of the nearly four decades that Fidel Castro has ruled the island.

The restrictions are designed primarily to deny Cuba the money that tourists would bring. Visits are not expressly forbidden, but Americans are prohibited from spending money in Cuba without a license from the Treasury Department.

Wisconsin Appeals Court Bars School Vouchers

THE WASHINGTON POST

An appeals court in Wisconsin dealt another blow to the nation's school-choice movement Friday, ruling that a plan to give needy students in Milwaukee publicly paid tuition vouchers to attend religious schools violates the state constitution.

In a case examining one of the most divisive issues in American education, the Wisconsin court held 2 to 1 that Milwaukee's voucher program, which allows 1,600 students to attend private schools at state expense, cannot be expanded to religious schools because it would infringe on the separation of church and state.

The ruling upholds a lower court decision in Wisconsin earlier this year, and is the latest of several recent legal setbacks for advocates of school vouchers. In May, a state appeals court in Ohio prevented religious schools in Cleveland from joining a new voucher program. Educators and lawmakers nationwide have been closely watching the cases because the states are the first to experiment with vouchers. Voucher opponents said Friday's Wisconsin decision is significant because it could persuade other states to forgo plans to adopt similar programs in their schools.

"This decision sends a strong message to the nation that taxpayers should not be forced to support private religious education," said Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for the Separation of Church and State.

Advocates of vouchers, who vowed to appeal the decision to Wisconsin's Supreme Court, called the defeat minor. The school voucher case in Ohio is headed to that state's Supreme Court.

WEATHER

Rain, Rain, Gone Away

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Today: Partly sunny. High 75 to 80°F (21-27°C). Southwest wind 10 to 20 miles per hour.

Tonight: Mostly clear. Low 55 to 60°F (13-16°C)

Sunday: Mostly sunny. High near 80°F (27°C)

Monday: Partly cloudy. Chance of showers. Lows 55 to 60°F (13-16°C). Highs in the 70s (21-27°C)

Tuesday: Mostly clear. Lows around 60 (16°C). Highs 75 to 80°F (21-27°C).

Feds Reject Re-election of Teamsters Boss Ron Carey

By Frank Swoboda

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The federal government Friday threw out last year's re-election of Teamsters President Ron Carey and ordered a rerun of the vote, after finding that a "complex network of schemes" was used to illegally finance his campaign.

The decision is a major blow to both the federal government, which has been trying to clean up the union for more than 40 years, and the labor movement, which just days ago was basking in the success of the Teamsters strike against United Parcel Service of America Inc.

The new election will once again pit Carey, the one-time reform candidate, against James P. Hoffa, son of the late Teamsters president Jimmy Hoffa, in a contest for control of the 1.3 million-member union. Carey narrowly defeated Hoffa last November in a secret-ballot mail election.

Barbara Zack Quindel, the federal official who oversaw the election, said her investigation found no evidence of any misconduct by Carey or other candidates on his slate. So, she said, she rejected the Hoffa camp's request that she disqualify them from running again.

But Quindel left the door open to disqualifying them if more evidence emerges. In her ruling, she said her investigation "suggests that there may be additional improper schemes, additional instances of improper uses of IBT (Teamsters) assets and additional participants in improper activities."

Quindel's ruling is subject to approval by a U.S. District Court in New York City, which has been overseeing the union for nearly a decade. Election officials expect court approval by mid-September. The balloting by mail would be completed within four months after that.

The new election will involve all but six of the union's 27 international officers. Quindel said she will allow to remain in office five candidates from Hoffa's slate who won vice presidential positions from the union's Central States region, and a Canadian official elected without opposition. All the remaining Carey candidates on the member board will have stand for re-election.

The election results require federal certification under the terms of a 1989 consent decree the Teamsters signed with the Justice Department to settle a civil racketeering suit in which the government accused the union of being a wholly owned subsidiary of organized crime.

The Teamsters issued a statement pledging full cooperation with the government's decision, saying it will review Quindel's findings and take any appropriate actions.

The message from Carey's campaign committee was much more combative. "The decision to rerun last year's election is welcomed by the Carey campaign. We are rolling up our sleeves and today we stand ready to turn back the old guard for the third time in six years. With the greater unity in the Teamsters union since last year's election, Ron Carey should win the new one by an even greater margin. A new election will be healthy for the union and should remove any cloud of doubt over last year's campaign," the committee said in a statement personally approved by Carey.

Carey first won his office in a 1991 federally supervised election in which he ran as a reform candidate against the union's old guard leadership. He had since won praise from both the government and others outside the union for helping clean up the Teamsters. Three of six Teamsters presidents who served before Carey were jailed for corrup-

tion, and a fourth died under indictment.

Just four days ago, Carey was being hailed by organized labor for his handling of the Teamsters' successful 15-day strike against United Parcel Service, a strike labor had held up as a national symbol of the resurgence of the labor movement.

The AFL-CIO Friday issued a brief statement. "It is our hope that the court will handle the rerun election fairly and we hope the outcome will be in the interests of the members of the Teamsters union," the federation said.

Quindel said she took the action against the Carey campaign because "there has to be an accountability. If you break the rules there are serious consequences."

A federal grand jury in New York also is investigating the financing of Carey's campaign as well as the union's financial ties to the Democratic National Committee in both the Carey and congressional elections last year.

Mary Jo White, U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York, who is directing the grand jury investigation, would not comment on the Teamsters case other than to congratulate the "thoroughness" of Quindel's investigation.

The investigation into Carey's campaign has resulted in criminal charges against two Teamsters consultants, one of whom has pleaded guilty to conspiracy and is cooperating with the inquiry. Sources close to the probe expect the grand jury to hand up indictments against several officials from the Teamsters staff and Carey's campaign. Quindel's report, filed with the court, outlined a series of alleged money-laundering schemes involving money from both the union's general treasury and money from its political action fund.

Clinton's Bid to Dismiss Jones' Harassment Claim Rejected

By Robert L. Jackson

LOS ANGELES TIMES

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

A federal judge on Friday rejected President Clinton's request to dismiss the sexual harassment claim against him and ruled the civil court case would go to trial next May.

Unless the lawsuit brought in 1994 by Paula Corbin Jones, a former Arkansas state employee, is settled before the May 26 opening date, Clinton will become the first sitting president to face a trial involving accusations about his personal conduct.

U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright, while turning down White House efforts to have the case thrown out, dismissed two minor elements of Jones' complaint — that Clinton had defamed her and that she had been denied her right to have a state job. The judge noted that Jones later voluntarily quit her job to move to California with her husband.

Clinton's attorney, Robert S. Bennett, told Wright he would prefer a trial by next January but was content with the May date. "We want to get this over with as quickly as we can," he said.

Gilbert K. Davis, one of Jones' lawyers, agreed. "We're grateful that this case is proceeding," he said.

Jones, who flew in from Southern California to attend the hearing, told reporters, "I'm glad to

be back in Arkansas and happy it's going to proceed."

Asked outside court if a settlement in the politically embarrassing case was possible, Bennett said it could not involve an apology, as insisted upon by Jones' attorneys, because the president had not done anything improper.

Bennett said a payment could be made by Clinton if it went to charity "and could not reasonably be interpreted as an admission of wrongdoing." Davis declined to make any response.

The hearing was the first since May when the Supreme Court unanimously refused to grant Clinton immunity from trial because of his high office.

And Wright seemed determined to move the case along.

She said both sides would have until Jan. 30 to interview potential witnesses and seek additional documentary evidence, but she declined for the moment to place limits on the scope of pretrial discovery by Jones' lawyers as the White House had requested.

Bennett, objecting to efforts by Jones' legal team to explore allegations of extramarital affairs by Clinton as governor, had argued in court papers earlier this month that such evidence gathering was overly broad and invasive of the privacy of individuals unconnected to the case.

Wright said she might deal with such a dispute later.

Jones' lawsuit, which she filed on May 6, 1994, seeks \$700,000 in damages from Clinton on grounds that he made unwanted sexual advances to her on May 8, 1991, while she was a state employee and he was Arkansas governor. She alleged that after a state trooper escorted her to Clinton's hotel suite during a state economic conference, Clinton exposed himself and asked her to perform an oral sex act that she says she refused.

Clinton "adamantly denies" the allegation, according to his court papers.

Wright left open the possibility of throwing out the case prior to trial if further pretrial investigation by attorneys showed it lacked a firm legal or factual basis. But for now, the judge said it will proceed because Jones' claims "are sufficient to state an actionable claim" under the law.

Clinton's lawyers, in court papers that address the case's specific legal issues, have argued that Clinton never sought to exercise power over Jones as the highest state official and that her charges, even if assumed true for the sake of argument, could not constitute sexual harassment because the single sexual proposition she alleges was abandoned when she rejected it.

Jones claims in her suit that she was transferred to a dead-end job in her state agency after she rebuffed Clinton's approach.

Pope John Paul II Rebuked By France's Socialist Party

By Charles Trueheart

THE WASHINGTON POST

PARIS

France's governing Socialist Party delivered a stinging admonition to Pope John Paul II Friday, officially "regretting" the visiting pontiff's decision to pray at the grave of a prominent antiabortion crusader.

"The meaning of such a gesture can only cause discontent and risks encouraging in our country the determination of those who wage a struggle bearing the mark of intolerance," the party of Prime Minister Lionel Jospin said in a statement.

The extraordinary rebuke was issued a few hours before John Paul, here for the four-day World Youth Days festival that has drawn more than half a million Roman Catholic pilgrims, was expected to travel by helicopter to the tomb of French geneticist Jerome Lejeune in Chalo-Saint-Mars, 40 miles southeast of Paris.

Vatican authorities described the visit to the grave of Lejeune, a

friend and intellectual soul mate of the pope, as private. The cemetery was surrounded by some 400 French anti-terrorist forces who kept out onlookers and reporters.

Lejeune was the founder of Let Them Live, an antiabortion group, and had just been appointed by John Paul II to a high Vatican post when he died in April 1994.

Lejeune was renowned in scientific circles around the world for his discovery of the extra chromosome that causes Down's syndrome. In part because of his research, many women choose to end their pregnancies when tests show evidence of the congenital condition in the fetus.

The Socialist Party statement said that the French right to abortion, in place since 1975, should be respected and condemned protests at a Paris hospital by antiabortion groups during the World Youth Days events this week.

The Socialist Party joined other abortion rights advocates who had singled out this item on the pope's

agenda for criticism. "The pope is reopening the debate over abortion that once tore this country apart and that no one wants to revive," declared Yvette Roudy, a Socialist former minister of women's rights, before the pontiff arrived Thursday. "The pope is welcome in France as long as he doesn't meddle in the internal affairs of the republic," she said.

Church and state have been officially separate in France for more than 90 years, and the principle of laicism, or religious tolerance, is stoutly defended here even though most French citizens still describe themselves as Catholics.

Standing at the foot of the Eiffel Tower on Thursday, John Paul addressed more than 500,000 young Catholics from around the world. "Dear young people, the church believes in you," he said.

The adulation of John Paul, 77, was widespread among the young people, whose numbers exceeded most expectations and could grow at two weekend masses.

Cosmonauts Make Vital Repairs To Damaged Mir Space Station

By Carol J. Williams

LOS ANGELES TIMES

KOROLEV, RUSSIA

In another tense chapter of this summer's thriller aboard the Mir space station, two Russian cosmonauts overcame perilous new failures Friday to make vital repairs and rescue research projects feared lost in the cosmos.

The nearly seven-hour mission to reconnect severed power cables and assess damage to the punctured Spektr research module may mark a turnaround for the luckless, aging space station. But the successes were delayed by more of what has become an almost daily battery of potential disasters.

"We could have called it all off at several points, but we wouldn't allow ourselves to be knocked from the saddle," Mission Control Center chief Vladimir Solovet said.

As Mir commander Anatoly Solovet and flight engineer Pavel Vinogradov donned spacesuits, at first they were thwarted by a faulty valve regulating pressure in the sealed-off transit chamber where they were preparing for an internal spacewalk into the airless Spektr. Solovet readjusted the valve, but then Vinogradov's spacesuit sprang a leak at the left glove.

With the pressure down to almost zero, a gush of oxygen from his protective clothing could be heard over the monitors at the Mission Control Center here, bringing a stunned hush to the hundreds of officials and journalists gathered to follow the repair mission.

"This is something serious," Vinogradov could be heard telling ground controllers. "Yes, I can feel that it is leaking."

Conscious of the risk of the cosmonaut's body exploding in a vacuum, Solovet and ground-based flight controllers quickly repressurized the chamber to allow Vinogradov to swap the damaged glove for a spare.

More than two hours behind schedule and rapidly expending precious power and oxygen, the two Russians finally opened the hatch and entered Spektr for the first glimpse of the module since a June 25 accident knocked it out of commission.

Spektr was punctured and depressurized when an unmanned cargo craft crashed into it during a manual docking practice directed by former Mir commander Vasiliy Tsibilyev. Four of Mir's 10 solar energy panels are arrayed outside Spektr and have been isolated since the crash, leaving

the space station to limp along on about half its normal power.

Vinogradov managed to reconnect nine battery cables and two sockets, ground controllers reported later; then the cosmonauts spent the next two hours poring over the research module to find the hole put there by the cargo capsule.

"To our great disappointment, the crew did not notice any visible penetration marks," said Solovet, the mission control chief who shares the same last name as the Mir commander but is no relation.

During their search of the abandoned Spektr, they did salvage some data from experiments conducted there before the crash. And they brought out some of U.S. astronaut Michael Foale's personal belongings, including his long-lost toothbrush and a photograph of his wife.

Foale, who manned the Soyuz escape capsule while his fellow crewmen roamed his former living quarters, could be heard directing Vinogradov by radio through the drawers of his locker in search of data and gear. "I think this has been a super day," the British-born Foale then declared as the cosmonauts concluded their mission. "We carried out everything we set out to do, and more. Well done, everybody!"

Japan, North Korea Reopen Talks, Seek to Improve Volatile Relations

By Rone Tempest

LOS ANGELES TIMES

BEIJING

In a move that could bring much-needed aid to food-strapped North Korea, Japanese, and North Korean diplomats agreed Friday to reopen long-stalled negotiations to normalize relations between the two East Asian countries.

After two days of meetings in the Chinese capital, diplomats agreed to an agenda of ambassadorial level discussions leading to an eventual exchange of diplomatic recognition between Tokyo and Pyongyang.

In a gesture to appease volatile political sentiments in Japan, North Korea agreed to allow an unspecified number of Japanese women living in Korea to visit their families in Japan.

Kyodo news agency reported that between 10 and 20 women will be permitted to visit Japan next month.

The fate of 1,800 Japanese women who emigrated to North

Korea between 1959 and 1982 has been a major issue in Japan. In 1992, talks between the two countries broke off after Japan accused the Pyongyang regime of kidnapping young Japanese women as part of a bizarre espionage plot.

In exchange for the visits home by the Japanese women, most of whom have North Korean husbands, North Korean diplomats appealed to Tokyo for massive food aid to ease near-famine conditions in their country.

Japan, which has a large surplus of rice, some of which is rotting in its granaries, has been under international pressure to join in international food-relief efforts for the hungry North Koreans. On Tuesday in New York, U.N. Undersecretary General Yaushi Akashi once again appealed to Japan to provide aid.

"I hope Japan will embark on assistance," Akashi said.

But political pressures inside Japan have so far kept the government of Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto from participating.

"Under the present circumstances," said Japanese political analyst Minoru Morita, "some parliament members, and also some citizens and grass-roots activists, are fiercely opposed to food aid. The government cannot come up with consensus to provide food aid. So (in these talks) the foreign ministry is desperately seeking for opportunities to persuade them."

According to a Japanese foreign ministry official in Beijing, chief representative Kunihiko Makita told the North Koreans that "Japan would positively consider the issue of food aid."

According to Japan's Nikkei news service, Japan could provide as much as \$20 million in humanitarian aid to North Korea through the United Nations as early as next month.

Morita predicted that if the talks continue smoothly, more food aid could be forthcoming before the end of the year. "The key issue is how desperately North Korea wants food aid from Japan," Morita said.

Gingrich Says GOP On Track; Quayle Disagrees Vehemently

THE WASHINGTON POST

INDIANAPOLIS

Just hours after House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., attempted to reassure nervous Republicans that GOP leaders remain committed to the conservative agenda, former Vice President Dan Quayle accused the party hierarchy in Washington of turning its back on fundamental conservative values.

In a stinging rebuke delivered after Gingrich's more upbeat assessment, Quayle suggested the Republican congressional leadership sold out to President Clinton in the recently enacted agreement to trim taxes and balance the budget by 2002. The deal, touted by both Republicans and Clinton as a monument to bipartisanship, was not worth all the hoopla it received, Quayle said.

"I know when you have divided government from time to time you have to compromise," Quayle said. "But you don't make compromise your top priority. There's a time to compromise and there's a time to stand firm. Now I know that it was a grand photo opportunity at the White House, but I'm afraid that the taxpayer once again got the shaft."

The starkly different assessments by the Republican leaders underscored the divide that continues to plague the GOP. In the past, Gingrich has dismissed the criticism as whining by a small and fringe element of the party.

Private Road Scheme Takes Its Toll On Strapped Mexican Treasury

LOS ANGELES TIMES

MEXICO CITY

Its multibillion-dollar experiment in private toll roads in shambles, the Mexican government said Friday it will bail out 25 of the 52 privately built and operated highways to the tune of about \$7.8 billion.

Mexican Secretary of Communication and Transportation Carlos Ruiz Sacristan admitted that the private roads program had been a failure because of excessively high tolls, inadequate planning and overly ambitious construction projects.

The government will assume \$7.8 billion in debt and take over operation of the highways. It expects that over 15 years the toll revenues will repay all but \$2.5 billion of the debt it is taking on.

While analysts do not expect the bailout to jeopardize the government's financial condition, some worried about the impact on concessionaires whose \$3.5 billion equity investment will be wiped out. Among the hardest hit are giant Mexican construction firms ICA, Grupo Tribasa and GMD.

The private toll road scheme, begun in the late 1980s, was a favorite of former President Carlos Salinas de Gortari because it shifted financial responsibility for construction of Mexico's much-needed new infrastructure to private concessionaires, or so he thought.

The undertaking has left Mexico with a 3,300-mile network of modern highways carrying hardly any traffic — because the private concessionaires who built them are charging tolls ranging from \$20 for short hauls to hundreds of dollars for trucks.

Ruiz Sacristan said the bailout would include an immediate reduction in tolls by an average 30 percent for trucks and 13 percent to 15 percent for cars in hopes of generating more traffic volume.

Efforts to Reassure Hamburger Consumers Stepped Up

THE WASHINGTON POST

Fast-food chains and grocers stepped up efforts Friday to reassure consumers of the safety of hamburgers, meatloaf and beef patties despite the recall of 25 million pounds of ground beef because of concerns the meat may be contaminated with a potentially deadly bacteria.

At the same time, U.S. Department of Agriculture investigators combed through records and interviewed workers at Hudson Foods Inc.'s Columbus, Neb., processing plant in an effort to determine how contamination might have occurred.

Hudson officials defended the company's safety record and said the firm would cooperate fully with the USDA's investigation.

The recall started Aug. 12, when Hudson voluntarily recalled 20,000 pounds of frozen ground beef patties that had been implicated in 16 cases of food poisoning in Colorado caused by the E. coli bacteria. The USDA later determined that 1.2 million pounds of meat should be recalled as a precaution and sent inspectors to the plant.

Friday, restaurants and grocery chains that once carried or used Hudson products said the meat had been removed. Boston Market, Burger King and Wal-Mart all said they had immediately removed the meat products that were subject to recall from their stores and were taking steps to find alternative suppliers.

Golf Is Weak Link in Clinton's Vacation

THE WASHINGTON POST

MARTHA'S VINEYARD, MASS.

His lawyers were handling the latest hearing in the Paula Jones matter in Little Rock, but President Clinton was here, confronting scandal of a different sort. No matter what the skeptics might think, Clinton categorically denied cheating when he reported earlier this week that he had scored 79 on the golf course.

"Ask the guys I played with!" he protested as he prepared to tee off again Friday morning with his friend, Washington lawyer Vernon Jordan. "Ask Jordan. He was there. I've had three rounds under 80 in my life, two last year and the last one. It was just a lucky day."

That is about as weighty as it has gotten for Clinton in the first of his three weeks of vacation on this island resort. No foreign crisis has diverted him from the links. No domestic politics have kept him from his nightly parties. The week has been so quiet that he and Hillary Rodham Clinton even tried their hand at some cooking.













"This is not particularly a working vacation," deputy White House press secretary Barry Toiv said early in the week. "I don't want to swear to you that he's not going to make any decisions while he's here, but there are not any major issues pending that he's going to be working on — at least as of right now."

OPINION



Institutional Wisdom Watch

by The Tech editorial board

-  **Extropians:** With all this commotion, who knew there were only really two of them?
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Letters To The Editor

Rush Is About Making The Best Possible Choice

Rush is a very exciting and confusing time for freshmen. It is so short that it's easy to make a mistake and pledge the wrong fraternity.

I rushed nine fraternities and pledged one. Only later did I learn of my great mistake. A crisis occurred at the fraternity after rush, and I found out the true personality of the fraternity. The behavior of the brothers changed, and I uncovered the dark side. I felt like a captive, betrayed. I wanted out. Fortunately, the understanding people who do housing heard my case and helped me depledge. I found out later that I wasn't the only one in my pledge class to depledge that fraternity, although I was the first. Many of my friends had suffered being put in the wrong place.

I don't think that the entire Greek system is to blame. I think that there are some very good fraternities out there that help lift up a good number of people. I think that a good fraternity can be better than the best dormitory because of the camaraderie and social skills

that a good fraternity aims to cultivate. But the bad fraternities are worse than any dormitory. And the risk of being picked up by a bad crowd is all the greater because of the brevity of rush so much confusion — not enough time to make the right decision, and it's a shame, both for the people who end up in fraternities who belong in dormitories and for the dormitories people who belong in fraternities. The system messes up people on both sides.

The most important thing in rush is that you end up where you're supposed to be. MIT recognizes this. That's why you can appeal to housing and get out of a fraternity or try to get into a fraternity on a pick-up bid. If you don't like where you are, the system allows you to change. I'm just so glad that I got my first choice pick of dormitories after the lottery was already run once; it just goes to show that depledging doesn't mean you'll end up somewhere else you don't want to be.

Do I regret not picking some other fraternity? Sometimes I wonder what it might have been like if I had gotten into one of the many excellent fraternities at MIT. But I'm increasingly becoming aware of my own personality

and why I really am a dormitory type. I enjoy the freedom of the dormitory. However, it took a lot of thinking before I came to my decision. It's not the same decision I would automatically suggest for a friend. My words of advice are that whether you choose a dormitory or fraternity, try your best not to make a mistake.

Both fraternities and dormitories have dangers. Both shape the personality. With the fraternities, the danger is that the personality of the group will destroy the personality of the individual. I have seen men who used to be leaders become followers after they've been in a fraternity. They become mindless drones, swayed back and forth by the movement of the masses, dazed and confused by constant commotion. The successes in the fraternities can maintain their personalities and individuality despite not being in control of the situation. They become the world's leaders.

The danger of the dormitories is isolation. Without much effort, the individual can lose his social skills and become a hermit. Soon, he can't communicate with the world and becomes a nerd working in a closet. Social interaction is of utmost importance because it is the key to changing the world. Many a scientist has come up with a great idea but couldn't announce it to the world because he

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ERRATUM

Because of an editing error, the column by Douglas E. Heimburger in yesterday's issue of *The Tech*, "During Rush, Think Long-Term but Have a Great Time" incorrectly claimed that Interfraternity Council President Iddo Gilon '98 would be speaking at Killian Kick-Off.

Interfraternity Council Rush Chair Jorge F. Rodriguez '98 was in fact the one to kick off rush last night.

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Plan for State-Minted Quarters Runs Against Tradition

Column by Anders Hove
OPINION EDITOR

Excuse me — you have a quarter? No, not for me; I want you to take a look at it. One side portrays a bust of George Washington, the other shows an eagle under the usual motto, "E Pluribus Unum."



Take a good look, because you may not be seeing much of this quarter anymore. The Department of Treasury has just completed a specially commissioned study on the concept of letting the individual states design their own "commemorative" quarters. The state-designed quarters would be minted by the U.S.; five new quarter designs would appear each year, starting in 1999. And yes, according to wire service reports, the commemorative designs would be in actual circulation, just like the quarters in your pocket.

The whole project is part of the 50 States Commemorative Coin Program Act, sponsored in Congress last year by Rep. Michael N. Castle, R-Del. The legislation was passed by Congress and signed by President Clinton. On August 1, Secretary of the Treasury Robert E. Rubin gave his assent to the program's inception, pending legislation designating the review process for the new coins' designs.

Thus it appears that, like it or not, we'll have the new quarters within a couple of years.

The whole situation is fraught with irony. For one, the federal government was born in part because of the country's need for a central mint. Prior to the establishment of a national currency, the states had perpetrated such numismatic monstrosities as the three-dollar bill featuring Santa Claus on his sleigh.

Unfortunately, uniformity in national coinage did not improve its appearance. In the case of the quarter, the national mint struggled with various awful designs for over 150 years. Ironically, the current quarter's design was intended as a one-year commemorative issue in honor of the 200th anniversary of Washington's birth. But the design it replaced, called Standing Liberty, was so universally despised that rather than return to it, Treasury officials decided to stick with Washington. That was in 1932.

The story of the 1932 Washington commemorative (the version now in circulation) is even more bizarre. To come up with a design, the National Fine Arts Commission held a contest. The winning entry, portraying Washington on one side and an eagle on the other, was sculpted by Laura Gardin Fraser. Unfortunately, the Republicans were in power at the time; Secretary of the Treasury Andrew Mellon vetoed Fraser's design on the grounds that she was a woman. He commissioned John Flanagan to do the job instead. Although the Fine Arts Commission deemed the Flanagan

quarter "unacceptable," Mellon decided to run with it anyway.

Flanagan's work, as you may have noticed, isn't very flattering to the first president. Washington was a strong, physically powerful man — he was perhaps the most masculine president with the exception of T.R. Yet Flanagan's rendition makes him look about as male as Martha. This is all the more ironic considering the circumstances of Flanagan's commissioning. Mellon had rejected a woman's design in favor of one that portrayed Washington as a woman.

The Mint Act of 1792, which governs currency designs, provides that only Congress shall have the authority to change the design of coins. However, the law makes the exception that the Department of Treasury may alter a design if it has been minted for 25 years without alteration. If that's so, why hasn't the Department of Treasury intervened in the case of the quarter?

It turns out that after spending its first 150 years turning out hundreds of coin redesigns (most of them ugly), the Department of Treasury abruptly changed its tune. Now coin redesigns are officially frowned upon. The reason is that designs seem to acquire merit more through nostalgia than beauty. The Treasury Department whispering campaign against the penny has failed thus far, by Treasury's own admission, largely because of national penny nostalgia.

Thus it was with considerable reluctance

that Secretary Rubin committed to supporting the 50 state commemorative quarter this month. Rubin pointed out that his study found "a large percentage of people who are indifferent to the program or are unfavorably disposed toward it." And rightly so.

Few would argue in favor of the quarter's current design. But is circulating 50 new quarter designs an improvement? Worse, one shudders at the thought of what those new, state-designed quarters will portray. Who in Congress will want to reject South Carolina's Strom Thurmond quarter? Come to think of it, how will I feel about having Strom Thurmond in my pocket? Not good, that's for sure.

For many states, the choice of venerable person will be divisive in itself. Is a political leader the appropriate symbol for a state? Or would a sports figure be more appropriate? What if all 50 states choose white men for the front side — will the mint intervene in the interest of diversity? And what if one state lays claim a hero of another? Montana may want Chief Joseph, but wasn't he really from Idaho?

All these controversies may make our coin purses too hot to handle. Rather than live with the new state-designed monstrosities, an angered public might chuck their new commemorative quarters across the Potomac to the politicians who conjured them up in the first place.

The upshot is that the legacy of George Washington may come out ahead after all.

Preconceived Notions Can Taint Rush for Everybody

Column by Erik S. Balsley
SPORTS EDITOR

Have you ever been mistaken for being someone you're not? It happens to me a lot. If I'm not mistaken for being Waldo I'm mistaken for being Jewish. I don't have a problem with these mistakes, but I have major concern with the superficiality that creates the mistakes.

With the Waldo matter, I discovered that I can not wear red stripes. When I do, my resemblance to Waldo is simply uncanny. I guess not being able to wear horizontal stripes is a small price to pay to remain anonymous (and unfound).

However, I'm more confused about being mistaken for being Jewish. Does it happen because I am very picky about bagels, shop a lot, can go through a mall without using the directory, and know some key Yiddish phrases? If so, the people making the mistake on this basis must have a limited knowledge of 5757 years of Jewish history and an even more limited understanding of the culture.

When I admit I am from Long Island, I get into even more trouble. Just because people have some preconceived notion of the place (thanks a bunch Amy Fisher), I am expected to behave a certain way. If something that I find weird happens that fits into this precon-

ceived notion I often get the great line, "Oh you're from Long Island, that's why."

In all these cases, preconceived notions that other people have had have resulted in incorrect assumptions about me. Some may even say these preconceived notions others are examples of stereotypes. The trouble is that as with most stereotypes, these misperceptions are only skin deep.

For those who are just starting MIT and hoping that their next few years here will be free of stereotypes that may have plagued them during high school, think again. You're about to face them head-on in a little something called rush.

Freshmen will quickly develop their own set of notions by visiting living groups and talking to other freshmen about them.

"That place is weird."
"That place is cool — they brought us white-water rafting."

The dormitories and independent living groups have their preconceived notions already and that's part of how they choose the people making up their floor or living group.

"Stop by again during in-house rush; we think you would like it here."

"I'm sorry you don't fit the character of our house. Have you tried looking at..."

That last one is an example of flushing.

Some of you will get flushed. I did.

In a process as time constrained as rush, it is difficult for both sides of the equation — upperclassmen and freshmen — to fully develop an understanding of each other. Decisions will therefore be made by everyone on the notions people get in the three days considered rush.

In my case, I obviously did not fit the preconceived notion of the living group that flushed me. In my first two days at MIT, I got a rejection that would last for at least four years. Rush after this was anything but a rush for me.

At first I was angry and hurt. They flushed me. They didn't get to know me. They didn't ask the right questions. As the years passed, I began to see that perhaps I didn't quite ask the right questions of them.

To begin with, I didn't do the reading I should have when I got the fraternity booklets sent out the summer before my arrival. I was operating totally on my perceptions made during short visits to make my decisions on where I wanted to live. I also wasn't exactly the best of conversationalists. I never quite said anything substantial about myself, my interests, or plans — other than that I was from Long Island.

It is important to get beyond the surface as

quickly as possible in something as crazed as rush to prevent lasting scars. Freshmen need to present a more full picture of themselves and their interests. They also need to ask more than surface deep questions to upperclassmen.

Upperclassmen need to get as much information from prospective freshmen. They should keep an open mind when they talk to freshmen and get beyond their physical appearance and demeanor.

Basically, a successful rush depends upon getting beyond surface impressions and notions. If it doesn't, those preconceived notions will affect the process in a very bad way and create some possibly permanent scars.

A bad rush in the big scheme of things is not that terrible. Yeah, it hurts like hell, but what is more important is what you learn through the pain.

In order to break the more pervasive stereotypes, individual relationships must be formed. They will not vanish overnight, and anyone who thinks they can should take some more Prozac.

If you do it correctly, you will leave rush with at least one lasting connection to someone you would not have imagined you would be friends with at first. That's at least one person whose stereotypes and preconceived notions have been partially diminished.

Something to feel good about.

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Extropians Mailing Was a Stand for the Ideals of MIT

Guest column by Han Y. Huang and Jason B. Davis

To the freshmen: So how has MIT been treating you? Are you a bit surprised, disappointed that your peers aren't as intellectual or as intense as you thought they'd be? Did Project MOYA respect your ambitions, your ideals?

How about rush? Have the brothers and sisters been making intelligent conversation with you? We hope they have been, though much of fraternity and sorority rush is still quite superficial, and you should recognize it for what it is. The MIT Extropians would like to meet any of you interested in meeting us and your fellow Extropian freshmen.

To the MIT community: As we, Han Huang and Jason Davis, co-founders of the Extropians, watch the freshmen arrive, and as we talk with them and share in their excitement, we find it hard to believe that it has been only 17 days since we mailed out our pamphlet to the Class of 2001. A great deal has happened since August 5, when we shipped off a 1,000 envelopes through the United States Post Office to the mailboxes and hands of the entering freshman class.

Why, everybody asks. Why did we do it? In short, we did it because we love MIT. We love MIT and all that this place can stand for, all the ideals of reason, science, and technology that form the concrete and cement of an

institute of technology. We are not talking about the actual concrete and cement that you see as you walk up 77 Massachusetts Avenue; we're talking about the intellectual ideals, the dedication to the amazing ability of the mind to create a new world for itself out of the raw materials it has been given.

Yet every year we see a thousand fresh minds come to the Institute only to see most of them lose their dreams and meld into the rampant undifferentiated unintellectual apathy at MIT by the end of their first term. This is what we have described to you as "The Freshman Tragedy." But this year would be different: This was our last year to either do something about this or forever hold our peace.

We decided to go for it.

We wrote up and submitted a previous and much shorter version of our pamphlet for inclusion in the Association of Student Activities mailing. We knew what we wrote — especially about affirmative action — would be controversial. But we expected it to be approved because, we thought, what other university is as dedicated to unfettered thought and inquiry? How could a place like MIT not support academic freedom to the hilt? Freedom of speech and freedom of press should be the sacrosanct guiding principles of the university, never to be abridged.

You can imagine how shocked we were when the administration told us we had to

either revise or excise the affirmative action section or be barred from the summer mailing. In the context of the university and academic freedom, this is blatant political censorship. Though we can sympathize with how the administration might wish to protect some freshmen from what some may consider an unwelcoming pamphlet, we find it hard to fathom how keeping freshmen ignorant constitutes a higher ideal than letting the freshmen read our pamphlet and decide for themselves. Are freshmen still to be treated like children, unable to reason for themselves?

Historically, censorship is used by tyrannical regimes to suppress dissent. MIT claims to have a different opinion on our barring — that one reason we were censored is because there was no possibility for discussion in a freshman mailing. But how would censoring us have possibly aid the purposes of discussion? Our entire purpose was to do what we can to inform, persuade. Our pamphlet is 16 all-text small-margin pages of small-font print, peppered with numerous calls for e-mail feedback.

We mailed the freshmen out of an act of civil disobedience against what we considered an unjust attempt to suppress our opinions and to suppress discussion. We devoted weeks of our lives and paid \$1,000 out of our own pockets to finance the mailing. And feedback we did get; we have received over 500 kilobytes of e-mail, with more expected to come.

Our action was not taken well. In a recent debilitating ASA trial, we lost our recognition as a student group for at least a full year. This will hurt our attempts to reach out to the community. We lost our current World Wide Web site, our table at the ASA Activities Midway on Tuesday, and, most importantly, the chance to submit another pamphlet in next year's freshman mailing (one wonders how freshmen could possibly be better off for having less material to think about before they arrive). Worse, there are some who are calling for further disciplinary actions against us.

Though we may be crippled in many ways by our derecognition, we still endeavor to form the community that we always have sought to build at MIT. Now it seems that we finally have a chance to do that. That was the original intent of our mailing; we apologize to all those who have been angered by our act of civil disobedience. We hope you understand in what spirit it was undertaken.

To those who would challenge us: Meet us on the open fields of intellectual discourse, because it's the ideas that really matter. Leave censorship and punishment for a darker age.

And to the freshmen and anybody else who'd like to share your ideals and vision of the greatness of MIT, we are looking forward to meeting you.

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didn't know how to communicate (and he didn't bother to learn how).

Being socially active in dormitories can be hard work. It's not the natural thing to do. Those who do become the world's leaders because they can communicate with the world while maintaining composure and a strong inward serenity and peace that cannot be shaken by anything in the outside world.

Both dormitories and fraternities have lessons for the individual. It is very important that incoming freshmen make the right decision based on tendencies in their own personality — and they can always change their mind later if things don't work out.

Wes Beebe '00

Extropians Matter Is Not About Free Speech

It disturbs me that some people are trying to frame the recent incident with the MIT Extropians as a free speech issue. The Extropians' right to free speech has not been violated. What MIT did was decide that what the Extropians had to say was not appropriate for a particular forum. Had MIT demanded that the Extropians take down their World Wide Web site and refrain from distributing literature at all, I would think that the allegations of censorship have some merit. But this hasn't happened.

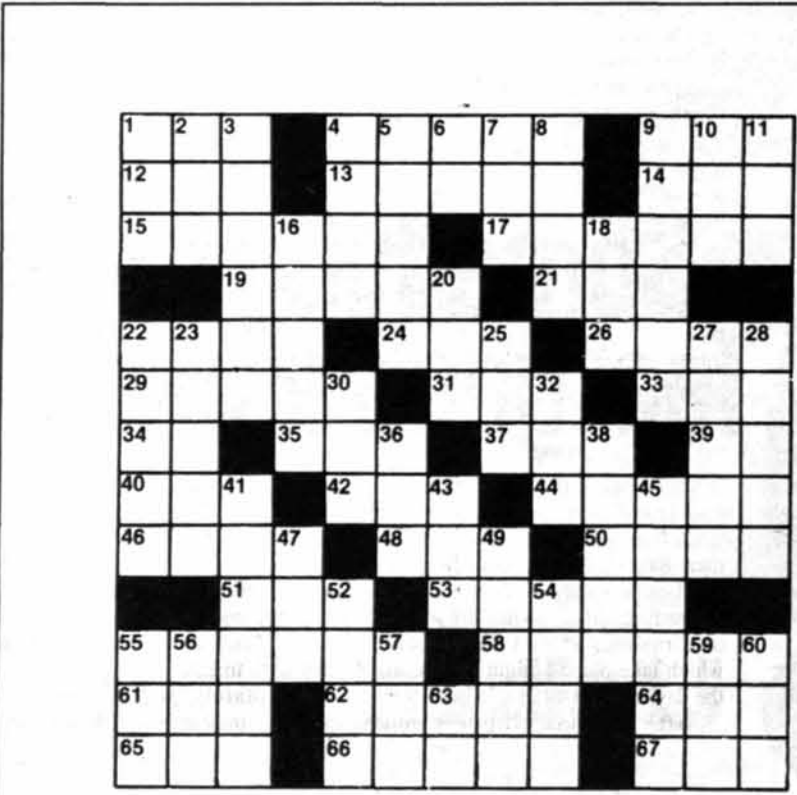
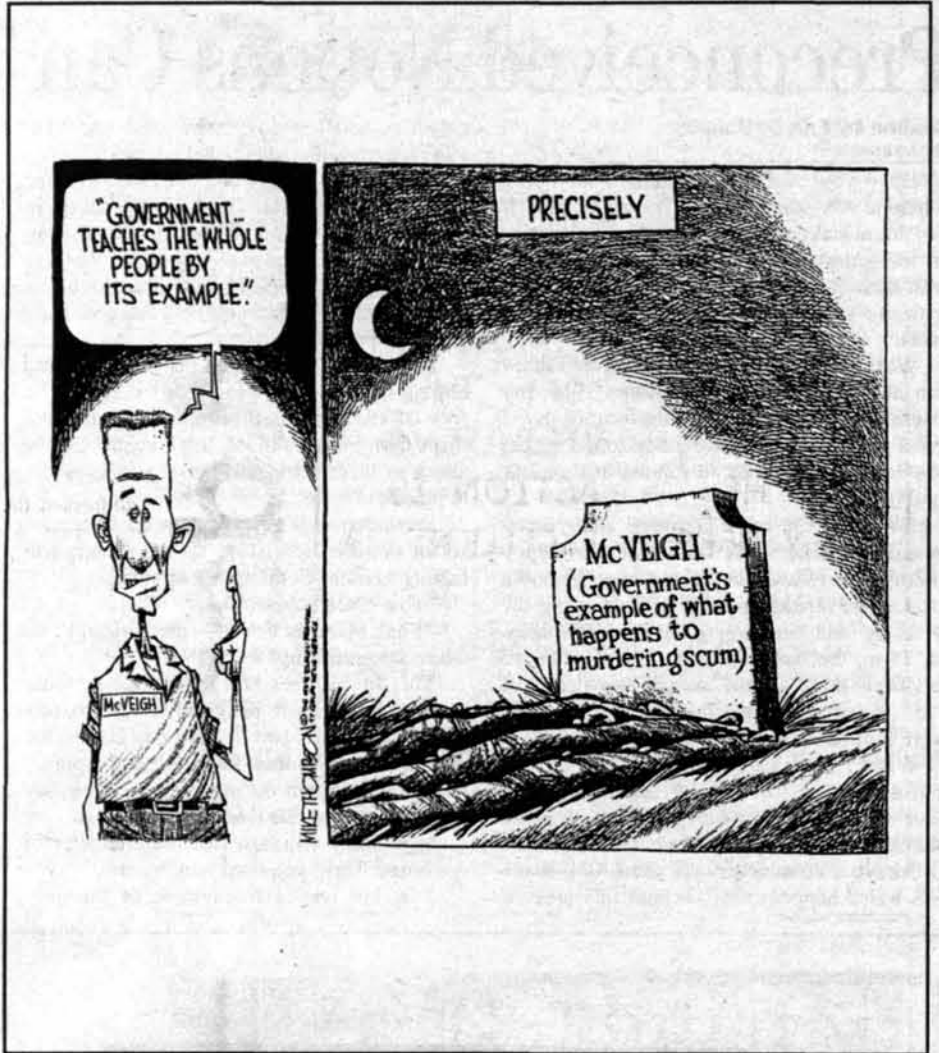
Even if an MIT group distributes literature with a disclaimer stating that its views are not

directly endorsed by MIT, the message is still there that MIT is supporting the existence group. This in and of itself is a powerful statement. If MIT is supporting a group with space to operate, money, avenues to publicity, or other resources, MIT has the right and the responsibility to see that the groups it supports are benefitting the MIT community in some way.

To make an analogy, the First Amendment right to free speech does not require that the editors of a journal like *Nature* accept and publish material that doesn't meet the journal's standards, and it doesn't prevent the editors of the journal from making publication of an article contingent on the author making changes. If an author's submission to a journal is rejected, that author has the opportunity to find another forum to present his or her work in. It is not a violation of the First Amendment for a private organization to decide what is and is not appropriate for its forum.

The scenario I have just described is a business deal. The journal gives something beneficial (money) to the author in exchange for a piece of work that will benefit the journal. The case with MIT and the Extropians is not so clearly a business deal, but it remains that MIT has given some benefit to the group and has the right to require something positive in return. If a group like the Extropians wishes to distribute information that is harmful to the MIT community, the group has a right and responsibility to find a forum elsewhere to express its ideas.

Amy M. Smith '98



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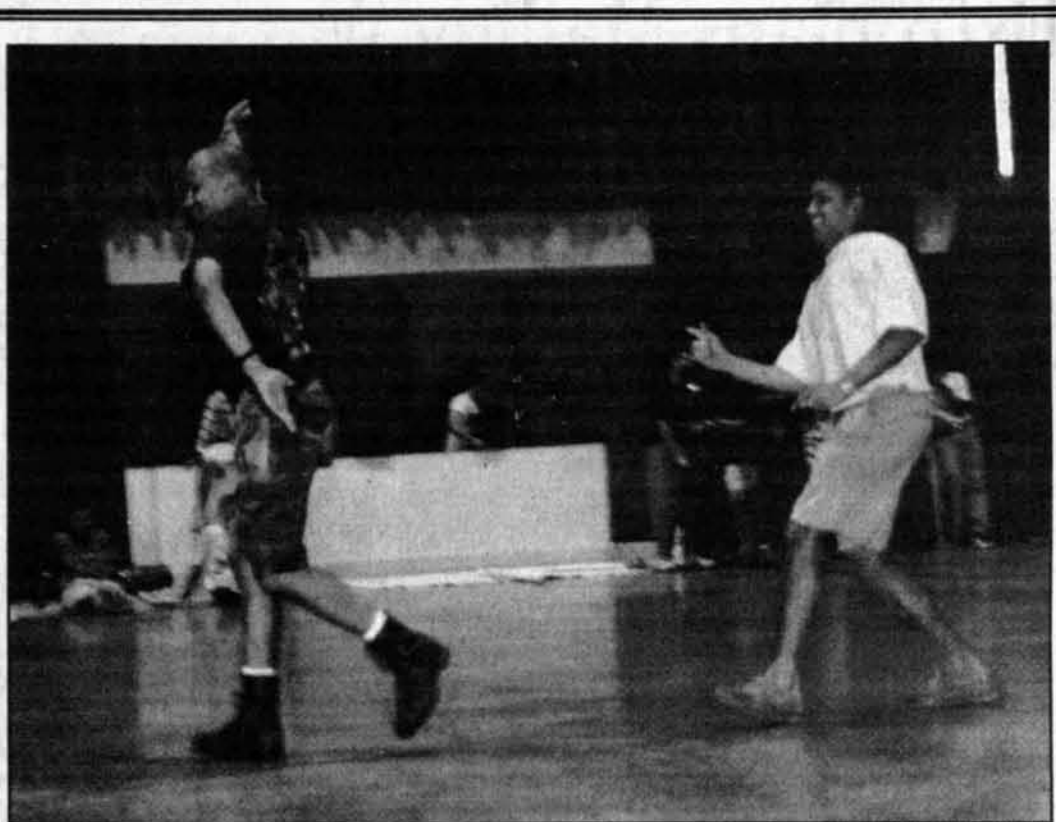
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During an R/O skit before Killian Kick-Off, prospective pledges evaluate fictitious fraternities Boogie-Woogie Delta and Delta Decca Cards.

Transfer to Johnson Modifies Traditional Killian Kick-Off

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on the bleachers.

The assembly opened with the announcement of the groups that won the riddle, sticks and stones, traffic jam, and poster competitions during Project Move Off Your Assumptions.

Next, several upperclassmen performed a skit featuring the various aspects of rush and early life at MIT. The montage of scenes addressed the issues of fraternity referrals, sexual identity, and parental objections. It also featured the post-rush problems of a student who failed to balance academics and partying.

The Muses and the Chorallaries, two a capella groups, then sang several songs for the freshmen. One freshman expressed dissatisfaction with the songs, screaming "Let the

rush begin," from the bleachers.

Then the freshmen were allowed to disperse around the floor of Johnson, to meet upperclassmen and eat ice cream.

After the socializing, the freshmen resealed themselves, along with the upperclassmen, on the gym floor. The speakers spoke from the top of the bleachers.

Freshmen have mixed feelings

Many freshmen felt that the kick-off was neither stellar nor awful. "I didn't really mind," said Sonja J. Ellefson '01. However, she added, "It would have been better outside."

Many freshmen also were unsure about what rush would really be like. "Maybe it's good; maybe it's bad," said Rami Musa '01. "I'll just have to rush and find out."

Fraternities "all sound the

same," said Michael J. Tasi '01. "First they tell you they're unique."

During the rush survival sessions, it was decided to move the kick-off to Johnson, said Dean for Student Life Margaret R. Bates. Too much equipment in Killian Court would be damaged by rain, she said.

Runners took this information to the groups of freshmen at their various locations around campus, said Tom S. Lee, '98, the program director for the Residence and Orientation Committee.

Some upperclassmen were dissatisfied with the minimal information given by the speakers. "As a dorm person, I feel gyped by the DormCon president's short speech," said Jacob B. Schwartz '98.

Zareena Hussain contributed to the reporting of this story.

Panhellenic Rush Obeys Tight Schedule with Ordered Events

By Zareena Hussain
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Yesterday, another class of freshmen women began to rush MIT's five sororities.

"It's a great time to meet people," said Jamie A. Buller '99, president of MIT's chapter of Panhellenic Association, the national organization governing sororities.

Rush for women began after Killian Kick-Off when women leaving Johnson Athletics Center were approached by various members of Panhel and encouraged to attend the women's convocation held in Kresge Auditorium.

Women presented living options

Women who attended the convocation were introduced to the presidents of the five different panhellenic sororities as well as representatives from independent living groups that rush women. In addition, representatives from the traditionally black sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha, which rushes later in the year, were also present, Buller said.

At the end of convocation, women were able to visit the independent living groups that sparked

their interest at the convocation or move on to sorority rush by meeting with their Rho Chis, temporarily deaffiliated sorority members who advise freshmen women throughout the rush process.

Those who continue with rush are led on tours of the five different sorority rush rooms. Each visit to a rush room during the tour consists of a 10-minute presentation by the sorority sisters for prospective rushees.

The tours are followed by two open house periods in which rushees can revisit the sororities they are interested in. The first open house session was held yesterday evening and a second today from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Selection process begins

After the open houses, visits to rush rooms are by invite only. After invites are handed out to rushees by their Rho Chis, they must limit the number of sororities they are rushing to four. After invites are handed out, rushees attend "informals" which take place tonight and during the day tomorrow.

After informals, rushees must cut down their choice of sororities down to three by informing their

Rho Chi. Then, they can attend theme parties which each are one hour in length on tomorrow evening.

The theme parties are "more individualized than previous parties," Buller said.

After the theme parties, on Monday morning, rushees receive their preference party invites from sororities. At this point, the rushee must limit the number of sororities they are rushing to two. Rushees will attend their preference parties beginning at 6 p.m. on Monday. Each preference party lasts an hour and fifteen minutes.

"The preference parties are a little more formal and more individualized, more one on one," Buller said.

After the preference parties, rushees fill out preference forms in which they rank the two sororities they are rushing as first and second choice. These preference forms are used in conjunction with lists the sororities compile after their preference parties of rushees to whom they want to extend bids.

Ultimately, each rushee is extended only one bid, Buller said. "It's a mutual selection process," she said.

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1 Alpha Delta Phi
Alpha Delta Phi is an all-male fraternity. Its house is situated at 351 Massachusetts Avenue in Cambridge.



Alpha Delta Phi and the Women's Independent Living Group share the same building north of campus on Massachusetts Ave.

ADP sponsors a literary competition every year, and brothers are active in literary activities. The house also participates in many intramural sports.

The fraternity's pledge program lasts through January. It has three parts that familiarize the pledges with Boston, the chapter, and the international organization of the fraternity.

Pika
Pika is a coeducational independent living group located at 69 Chestnut Street in Cambridge. About 32 men and women live at Pika.

Pika is a cooperative living group meaning the house is maintained by the house members. Pika is also governed democratically by its members.

There is no pledge education process as such at Pika. Freshmen become full members of the house as soon as they pledge.

Women's Independent Living Group

The Women's Independent Living Group is an all-female living group located at 355 Massachusetts Avenue in Cambridge. WILG has about 45 members.

There are many people involved theatre living at the house, and the house is involved in intramural sports like hockey. Every year, WILG holds a beauty pageant for men.

WILG has no pledge program and no new member education program. Once a woman pledges, she is a full member.

Zeta Psi
Zeta Psi is an all-male fraternity located at 233 Massachusetts Avenue in Cambridge. About 45 to 50 people typically live there.

The house is active in intramural sports. It also co-sponsors a roller-hockey tournament every year for charity.

The Zeta Psi pledge program focuses on teaching the pledges about the brothers and the fraternity's history. The length of the pledge period varies from year to year. The pledges take several road trips, and they have no extra duties.

Rush Continues Today at MIT's Various FSILGs

2 Alpha Tau Omega
Alpha Tau Omega is an all-male fraternity located at 405 Memorial Drive in Cambridge. *The Tech* was unable to contact the house at press time.

Delta Kappa Epsilon
Delta Kappa Epsilon is an all-male fraternity. Its house is located at 403 Memorial Drive in Cambridge. The house typically has about 36 brothers.
The house is very involved in varsity and junior varsity sports, as well as musical activities. The house tries to maintain a good social standing in the MIT community.

The pledge program at DKE emphasizes both the local and international history of the fraternity and helps freshmen adjust to MIT and Boston.

Delta Psi
Delta Psi, also known as the No. 6 Club, is a coeducational fraternity located at 428 Memorial Drive in Cambridge. It has about 45 members.

Members of the fraternity are heavily involved in theater, dance, and literary activities; the fraternity is a literary society. The house is also heavily involved in varsity and intramural sports.

No. 6's pledge program lasts for the entire fall term.

Kappa Sigma
Kappa Sigma is an all-male fraternity located at 407 Memorial Drive in Cambridge. The house typically houses 50 brothers.
The house participates in intramural athletics, winning the

class A football league last year. Many brothers participate in varsity sports. Brothers also participate in the Undergraduate Association and the Class Councils. There are two to three formal parties a term.

Kappa Sigma does not have pledges. New students are called associate members and have all the voting rights of members.

Phi Beta Epsilon
Phi Beta Epsilon is an all-male fraternity located at 400 Memorial Drive in Cambridge. *The Tech* was unable to contact the house at press time.

Theta Delta Chi
Located at 372 Memorial Drive in Cambridge, Theta Delta Chi is an all-male fraternity. From 35 to 45 brothers live at TDC.

The house is reasonably social and has a great deal of diversity. TDC tries not to be characterized by any one thing.

Pledges at TDC meet once a week for reasonably light activities including a hike to New Hampshire and a pledge class road trip.



Theta Delta Chi is located on campus at 372 Memorial Dr.

The following sororities are non-residential:

Alpha Epsilon Phi
Alpha Epsilon Phi is MIT's newest sorority. There are about 25 members of AEPH and the sorority does not have a house.

AEPH is involved in philanthropic activities highlighted by the Night at the Improv which brings groups from MIT to perform, raising money for charity. The new member program at AEPH based on a national program called Avenues. It is a six to eight week program and includes facts about AEPH. The program allows new sisters to get to know each other through sisterhood activities.

Kappa Alpha Theta
Kappa Alpha Theta sorority has about 80 members. It has no house, but it is the next sorority in line to get one.
KAT sponsors a dance and casino night every year to raise money for charity. They also pick apples with Theta Xi.
The new member program lasts eight to ten weeks. It features a series of meetings with chapter officers and a new member educator. It also features a new member retreat. The pledges attend regular chapter meetings.

The following fraternities lie west of the map:

Epsilon Theta
Epsilon Theta is a coeducational fraternity located at 259 Saint Paul Street in Brookline. The house has about 30 members.
ET members participate in Alpha Phi Omega, the national coeducational service fraternity, as well as the Lecture Series Committee, the Assassins guild, and MIT's musical groups.

The pledge program lasts about a term and primarily involves six meetings scheduled throughout the term. The meetings help familiarize freshmen with Epsilon Theta and MIT. Pledges have all the rights and privileges of initiates. The house is dry and non-smoking.

Zeta Beta Tau
Zeta Beta Tau is an all-male fraternity located at 58 Manchester Road in Brookline. Up to 52 people live at ZBT.
ZBT members participate in a variety of activities including crew, ultimate frisbee, musical theatre groups, and many intramural sports.
ZBT is a non-pledging fraternity. There is pledging at ZBT and no subservient roles for freshmen. The entire freshman education program is voluntary, but most freshmen participate.

Every fraternity, sorority, and independent living group is unique. At MIT, these living groups are scattered from Cambridge to Brookline, placing the diverse houses in equally diverse neighborhoods.

The Tech wishes you an exciting rush — all across the Boston area.

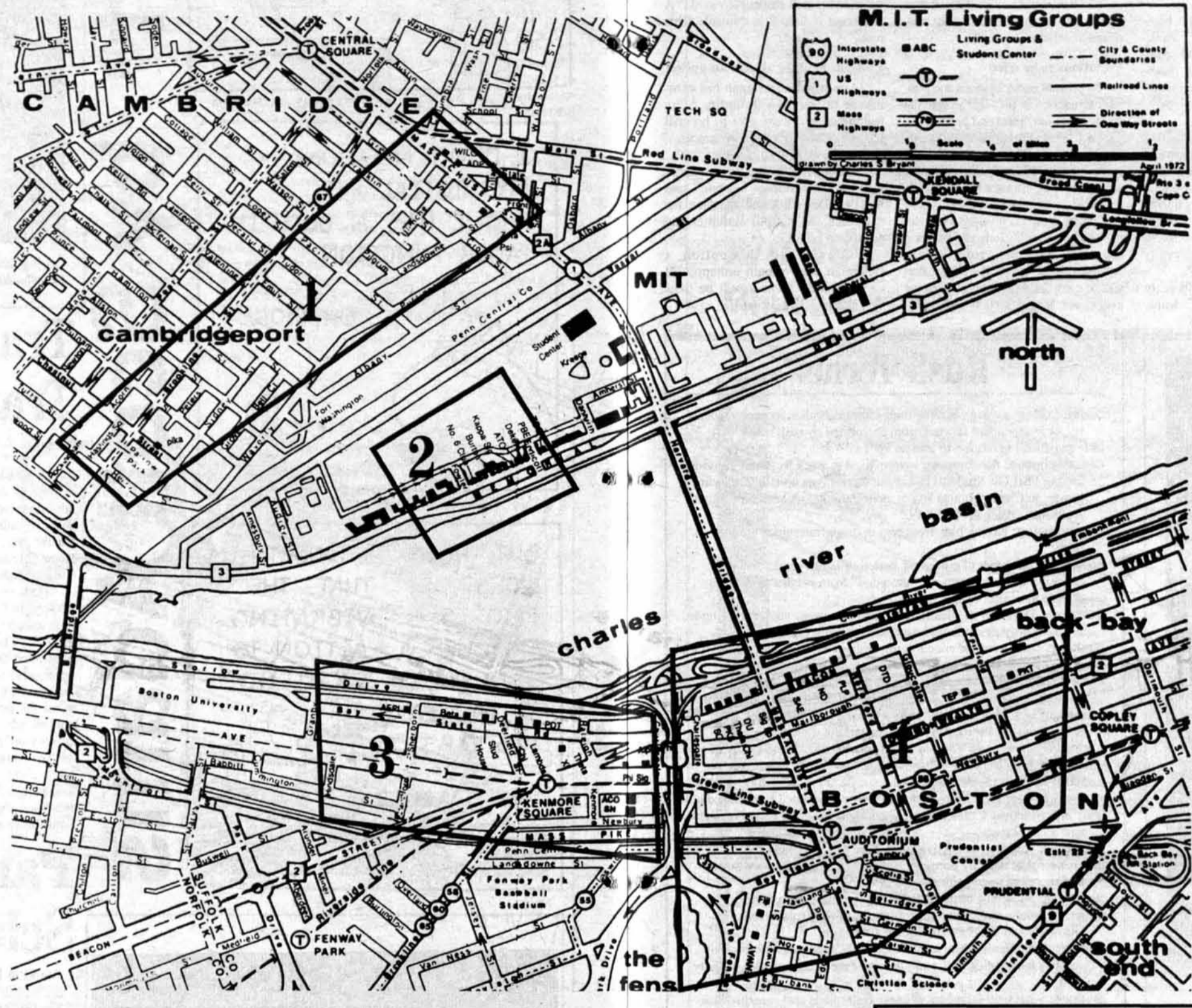
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FSILG information was gathered from representatives of the houses.



Pledges in AP attend all chapter meetings, and they work with a big sister during their pledge period.

Beta Theta Pi
Beta Theta Pi is an all-male fraternity situated at 119 and 120 Bay State Road in Boston. The fraternity refused to comment.

Lambda Chi Alpha
Lambda Chi Alpha is an all-male fraternity situated at 99 Bay State Road in Boston. *The Tech* was unable to contact the house at press time.

Phi Delta Theta
Phi Delta Theta is an all-male fraternity located at 97 Bay State Road in Boston. The house typically has 35 to 40 brothers.
PDT fields teams in just about all intramural sports. Brothers participate in the annual Toy Day, when they make toys to give to charity. There are generally four to five open parties a year in addition to smaller closed parties and semi-formal dinners.

The pledge program at PDT lasts about a

term and won MIT's Outstanding Pledge Program award this year. Pledges are put in charge of organizing a pledge party and trips. They also learn about the chapter's history and the national fraternity's history.

Phi Sigma Kappa
Phi Sigma Kappa is an all-male fraternity located at 487 Commonwealth Avenue in Boston. *The Tech* was unable to contact the house at press time.

Sigma Kappa
Sigma Kappa is a sorority with roughly 100 members. It has a house at 480 Commonwealth Avenue in Boston which houses 24 sisters.
Every Year, SK sponsors Late Night with Sigma Kappa, a talent show, to raise money for charity. The sorority is very involved in intramural

athletics, fielding all-female teams in several sports.
The pledge program in SK lasts for the

entire first term. The pledges attend weekly pledge meetings and a retreat in the fall. Each pledge has an assigned heart sister and selects a big sister.

Sigma Nu
Sigma Nu, located at 523 Newbury Street in Boston, is an all-male fraternity with around 25 members.
Members are involved in activities such as the solar car project, band and orchestra, church groups, and sports such as soccer, crew, and baseball.

The pledge program at Sigma Nu lasts about 10 weeks and is based on the LEAD program created by the Sigma Nu national fraternity. The program strives to develop principle-centered, ethical leaders.

Student House
Student House is a coeducational, independent living group located at 111 Bay State Road. Up to 30 people live at Student House.
Student House exists to aid people who have financial need. In addition, Student House is a dry house.
There is no initiation process for new members of Student House.

Theta Xi
Theta Xi is an all-male fraternity located at 64 and 66 Bay State Road in Boston. *The Tech* was unable to contact the house at press time.



The Alpha Phi house is located in Boston on 479 Commonwealth Ave.

two house parties a year.
Fenway house has no pledge program, because there are no pledges. Members are expected to spend one hour during the week doing chores. Before R/O and during the Independent Activities Period in January Fenway House holds a work week where residents clean and do some construction.

Nu Delta
Nu Delta is an all-male fraternity located at 460 Beacon Street in Boston. The house typically has 28 brothers.
The house is active in intramural sports. It has large parties once a month and smaller events once a week. There is a large "Get Nu'd" party once a term.

Phi Gamma Delta
Phi Gamma Delta, or Fiji, is an all-male fraternity situated at 28 The Fenway in Boston. The house typically has 37 to 40 brothers.
Fiji is heavily involved in intramural sports and fields one team for every intramural sport. Brothers also play on MIT's intercollegiate sports team. The fraternity generally has one large party a month. There are smaller pub nights about every other week.

The pledge program generally lasts about a term. The pledge program is designed to ease new students' transition into college life, to integrate new

brothers into the house, and to instill a pride in Phi Gamma Delta.

Phi Kappa Sigma
Phi Kappa Sigma is an all-male fraternity located at 530 Beacon Street in Boston. The house typically has 34 brothers.
The fraternity has a weekly in-house house social called Drink of the Month. Brothers also have dinner together five days a week. The house fields teams in every intramural sport. This year Phi Kappa Sigma will hold a huge Halloween party which it has every three years. Brothers will decorate the house with a 20 foot high skull, which is on display now, and will invite a band into the house.

The pledge program lasts one term and is designed not to put too much pressure on freshmen. The house provides two tutors for each freshmen class.

Phi Kappa Theta
Phi Kappa Theta is an all-male fraternity with a house at 229 Commonwealth Avenue in Boston. The house generally has 33 brothers.
The house participates in lots of intramural sports and is particularly proud of its basketball

and football teams. The house also has social hours once a week and hosts a couple of parties a term. The house holds a yearly gift exchange and holds a mixer with people from around the neighborhood.

Pledges are responsible for organizing a pledge party. They have also done things such as build an addition to the house or participate in a community service project of their choice.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Sigma Alpha Epsilon is an all-male fraternity located at 480 and 484 Beacon Street in the Back Bay area of Boston. About 54 people live at SAE on average.
Athletics is a major focus of SAE. Over 90 percent of the house is involved in varsity athletics and all house members participate in intramural sports. Socially, SAE sponsors a pub night each week and three major socials during the term.
The pledge process at SAE concentrates on getting pledges to be true gentlemen. The program teaches new members about brotherhood, and the national fraternity and includes an interviewing process.

Sigma Chi
Sigma Chi, located at 532 Beacon Street in Boston, is an all-male fraternity with about 36 members in house.
Among the activities sponsored by the fraternity are a community service trip to New Hampshire, and a formal entitled the Sweetheart Ball.
The pledge training process at Sigma Chi includes a pledge trip in which the pledge class is given \$1,000 and told spend time together in a place of their choosing.

Sigma Phi Epsilon
Sigma Phi Epsilon is an all-male fraternity situated at 515 and 518 Beacon Street in Boston. About 60 brothers typically live in the house.
The house participates in all intramural sports and has many parties, usually about three every month. The house also has pub nights every other Thursday.
The pledge program lasts about one term.

Tau Epsilon Phi
Tau Epsilon Phi, an all-male fraternity, is located at 253 Commonwealth Avenue in Boston. Between 30 and 40 people live at TEP.
TEP has a water fight with Phi Kappa Theta on the last day of classes every year. The brothers are independent people with their own opinions, but they still function as a cohesive group.
TEP's has a loose pledge training program, consisting mostly of pledge missions.

Theta Chi
Theta Chi, located at 528 Beacon Street in Boston, is an all-male fraternity. From 25 to 30 brothers live at Theta Chi.
Community service is among the activities in which Theta Chi brothers participate. The fraternity co-sponsored a charity roller-hockey tournament at Johnson Athletic Center last year, raising a thousand dollars.
The Theta Chi pledge program last eight weeks.



Sigma Chi is located in Boston at 532 Beacon St.

Rules, Regulations Govern Fraternity Rush Revelry

By Zareena Hussain
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Yesterday, at 6:16 p.m., Interfraternity Council Rush Chair Jorge F. Rodriguez '98 said, "Let the rush begin," and so began, for many freshman men and women, a once in a lifetime experience.

For the next two to three days, freshmen may explore their living options by rushing fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups, and touring dormitories. During this time there exists a wide and sometimes confusing array of activities offered by fraternities and independent living groups in which freshman can participate.

"Anything you can think of [fraternities] probably do," Rodriguez said. Activities offered range from parties to paintball, he said.

"Everyone is trying to put on their best faces," Rodriguez said. "Each fraternity wants the best people they can get... [who] fit the character of their house."

"At the same time, you talk to the freshman of the responsibilities" of being part of an FSILG, Rodriguez said. You tell them that "with all the fun there also comes responsibility."

Bids handed out starting Sunday

Following the lobster and steak dinners, the trips, and the exhaustion, freshmen are extended bids by most fraternities Sunday morning at 8 a.m.

"A few houses do it later on," said David C. Day '98, chair of the IFC Judicial Committee. Freshmen may begin pledging fraternities on Monday morning, Day said.

There are three status levels used to define fraternities once bids are extended. When a fraternity is status two, they are still accepting referrals for possible pledges from other fraternities. Status one is used to describe a fraternity which is no longer extending bids but still waiting for freshman who have bids from more than one fraternity to pledge. Status zero means that the desk is closed and the fraternity is no longer rushing.

Many rules govern fraternity rush

Fraternity rush is defined more by sets of rules than any ordered calendar of events.

Last year, fraternities began enforcing a dry rush. Houses are not to have alcohol anywhere in the presence of freshman during rush, Day said.

"The bond of brotherhood is not defined by alcohol," Rodriguez said.

"The idea is to allow freshman to make a clear-headed decision and not be influenced by alcohol," Day said.

Another major rule involving fraternity rush involves the hiding of freshman. It is a violation of rush rules to "hide" freshman by not registering them in the clearinghouse system, Day said.

The intention is to give other houses a fair chance to meet the freshman, Day said.

There also exists a no badmouthing rule during rush. Fraternities are not allowed to speak badly of other fraternities to freshman. "[Badmouthing] is detrimental to everyone," Day said.

Referrals to be more positive

In addition, there have been some changes to the rules regarding referrals, which occur when a fraternity recommends that a rushee explore a different housing option. Instead of the rush chair also being in charge of referrals, each fraternity has an assigned referral chair.

"We are watching referrals more closely," Day said. The IFC wants

to avoid flushes, in which a fraternity simply tells a freshman that they are no longer being considered as pledges for the fraternity, Day said.

"We want to make sure that it's done positively," he said.

"[The fraternity rush chair] wasn't taking the appropriate time to make sure the referral was positive and constructive," Rodriguez said.

The IFC is also keeping a constantly updated list of fraternities who still need pledges to meet their quota, Rodriguez said. This list is sent out to other fraternities for purposes of referral, he said.

Violations to be tried

To prevent rush violations and punish offenders, the IFC has an internal system of enforcement and policing.

Each house is assigned a temporarily deaffiliated investigator from within the IFC to be a recorder and advocate for the house. Each investigator is responsible for three to four houses, Day said.

During rush, the investigators meet nightly with the IFC Judcom chair and discuss any incidents or possible violations. Once rush is over, the information will be compiled and discussed with the rush chairs. Most reports of rush viola-

tions are "house vs. house," Day said.

Trials for rush violations will be held within the first month after rush.

The biggest mistake a freshman can make is closing themselves off, said IFC president Iddo Gilon '98. Freshman should be encouraged to explore all their opportunities.

But while organizations like the IFC seek to involve as many freshman as possible the decision to participate is ultimately up to the rushee.

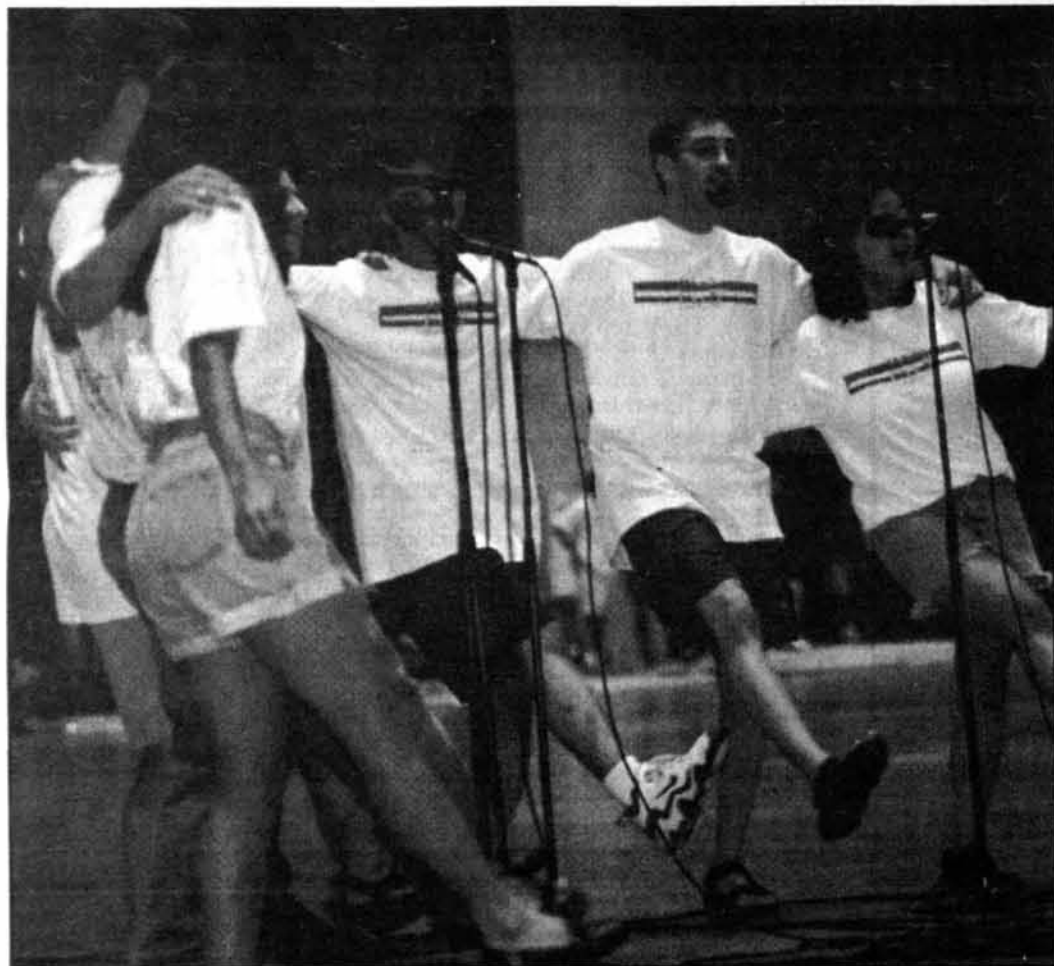
"No one can push you to do rush, it's your decision," Rodriguez said. "A freshman is totally in control of his rush."

Campus housing always an option

Even when a freshman has committed to live in a fraternity or an independent living group, he still has the option to move on campus if off-campus life is not for him.

"We guarantee every freshman a place in the residence system," said Neal H. Dorow, associate dean for residence and campus activities and advisor to FSILGs.

But even with this option, a freshman may remain unhappy. "I can't promise them it will be their first choice," Dorow said.



Prior to the start of rush, the Chorallaries sing in Johnson Athletics Center.

DAVID TARIN—THE TECH



Two "apes" place a black obelisk in Killian Court yesterday. Upperclassmen don't seem to tire of creating references to the movie 2001: A Space Odyssey.

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Rush Terms

badmouthing: saying negative things about another fraternity, sorority, or independent living group; prohibited by rush rules

bid: an official invitation to join an FSILG

Clearinghouse: the computer system used to track freshmen moving among FSILGs. Students can make themselves invisible to living groups in Clearinghouse by contacting the Residence and Campus Activities Office in W20-549.

Crossrushing: having bids from two or more fraternities simultaneously

crowding: the result of a housing system filled beyond normal capacity. Certain rooms are "crowded" from singles to doubles, double to triples, etc.

Dormcon: Dormitory Council. Dormcon represents students living in the dormitory system and manages dormitory rush.

flushing: slang term for encouraging rushees to leave a fraternity or ILG and/or referring them to another other living group

FMS: Freshman Messaging System. Computerized system for messages from parents, the administration, and FSILGs. FMS terminals are available in all dormitories.

FSILG: fraternity, sorority, or independent living group

hazing: method of initiation that willfully endangers the health of a student; prohibited by Massachusetts law

housing lottery: the Athena-based lottery used to determine dormitory housing; lasts from 4 p.m. tomorrow through 3 p.m. Monday

IFC: Interfraternity Council, the governing body of all FSILGs; manages FSILG rush

Informals: sorority rush activities that are by invite only

in-house rush: used by dormitories to assign entries, floors, suites, and rooms to new residents

Judcomm: Judicial Committee. Judcomm representatives monitor living groups and events for violations of rush rules. Both Dormcon and IFC have their own Judcomm.

Panhel: Panhellenic Association, the local chapter of the national sorority association and a sub-group of the IFC; manages sorority rush

pledges: what new members of some fraternities and sororities are called after an initiation program but before they become full members

pref parties: the last parties held by sororities before bid lists are made up

Rho Chi: temporarily deaffiliated sorority member who acts as an impartial counselor for women rushing sororities; cannot mention or discuss her sorority



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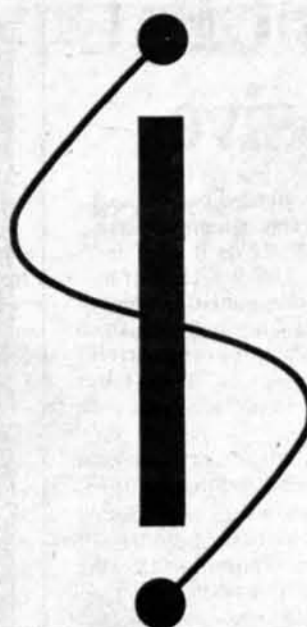
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Choosing a password

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- Do pick something obscure (mis-spell something or create an acro-nym, e.g., GykoR-66 for "Get your kicks on Route 66").
- Don't use your real name, username, any common name, name of a close relative, friend, or pet, or name from popular culture in any form (even backwards, or sideways).
- Don't use significant numbers (phone, office, social security, license plate, address, birthday, anniversary).
- Don't use any word in a dictionary.

Changing your password

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Poster Alleges CPs Utilized Excessive Force During Arrest

Arrest, from Page 1

Picariello missed an August 14 pre-trial hearing which has been rescheduled for next Friday.

Picariello gave his address as 110 Arlington St. in Boston, the location of Span, Inc. an organization that "provides services for offenders and ex-offenders," according to a receptionist. Span refused to provide any further information about Picariello or the organization.

Picariello has previously been known to live in Portland, Maine.

Convicted for several bombings

Picariello has numerous federal and state convictions for bombings and related crimes going back at least until 1975, when he participated in two bank robberies.

Earlier that year, while in a Maine prison, he joined an anti-government movement which allegedly financed their bombings with bank robberies, according to a 1984 *Boston Globe* article.

In federal court in Portland in 1977, Picariello was sentenced to ten years in federal prison for interstate transportation of explosives related to a 1976 attempt to bomb the headquarters of the A&P food-store chain and Polaroid.

In 1978 he pleaded guilty to state charges of participating in the 1976 bombing of an Eastern Airlines plane at Logan Airport, two National Guard trucks at the Dorchester Armory, and the Essex superior courthouse in Newburyport. He received a 10- to 15-year state sentence for the crimes.

Later in 1978, he received two more 10-year concurrent federal sentences for bombing a power company headquarters in Augusta and for robbing a bank in Orono, Maine, both in 1976.

Attempted escape in 1984

On Dec. 20, 1984, after serving part of his federal sentence, Picariello was to be transferred to the state prison in Walpole to begin serving his state sentence. While he was being escorted aboard an airplane in St. Louis, he ran from police, leaped 15 feet from the passenger gangway, and ran along the runway, according to a 1984 *Boston Globe* article.

The police officers, Suffolk

County deputy sheriffs, ordered Picariello to halt and then fired several shots at him. Picariello was not hit by the bullets but twisted his ankle and was then subdued.

When Picariello committed the Massachusetts bombings in 1976, he was already out on parole for an earlier Maine bank robbery. In 1993, after completing the Massachusetts and federal sentences, Picariello was charged with parole violation in Maine for those crimes.

In September, 1993, he was denied parole by the Maine Parole Board for at least two years. In his defense, Picariello said, "I'm not a mad bomber," according to a 1993 *Boston Globe* article. "I never hurt anyone. I never shot anyone. I never stabbed anyone."

His status since 1995 is unknown.

Poster alleges brutality

A poster distributed around the Institute alleges police harassment of Picariello. The poster, which refers to the Revolutionary Anti-Imperialist League at the bottom, also appeared as an article in Wednesday's issue of *The Thistle*.

The poster alleges that the officer "initiated a physical confrontation" and put Picariello into a headlock, "cutting off his air supply."

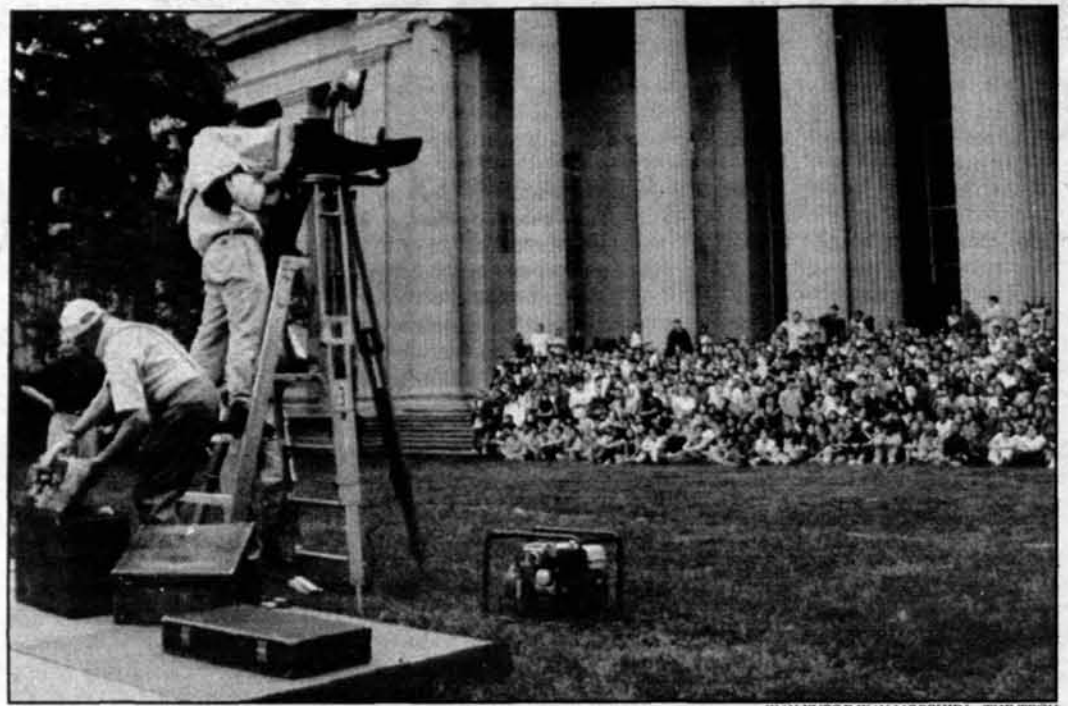
The poster continued: "When Picariello tried to defend himself the cop grabbed for Picariello's testicles. The struggle ended when backup arrived and the cops handcuffed Picariello and then proceeded to brutalize and mace him, clearly using excessive force."

The poster and article call for witnesses to the event, apparently to bolster a lawsuit Picariello is filing against MIT. No lawsuit has yet been served to the Institute, said Director of Insurance and Legal Affairs Thomas R. Henneberry.

The poster alleges that the officers "asked someone who was not even there to testify as a witness to the entire event."

Chief of Campus Police Anne P. Glavin was not available for comment. No further information was available from the Campus Police.

Picariello's attorney, Barry Wilson, was also unavailable for comment.



The Class of 2001's freshman picture was taken using a panoramic camera with a rotating head, built in 1917.

Dormitories Plan Lively Rush, Some Bemoan Postering Policy

By Douglas E. Heimbarger
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

While fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups hold extravagant rush events, dormitories are also events, often on a lesser scale, designed to acquaint freshmen with the living options available in Institute housing.

"It's important for freshmen to find a place where they're comfortable and where they're basically going to be living for the next four years," said Anita M. Barci '98, McCormick Hall rush chair.

Others cited the need to preserve the character of the dormitory. "If we find freshmen we like, we kind of try to rush them" into ranking the dormitory high in the lottery, said Victor Lum '99, Next House rush chair.

Rush chairs emphasized the need for freshmen to explore their options and find a dormitory that fits their personality and living style. "When I was a freshman, I didn't do the dorm rush, and I picked a dorm I didn't like," said MacGregor House Rush Chair Yuliya S. Jhanwar '98.

Starting Saturday at 4 p.m., students who want dormitory housing will begin to enter their preferences into a Project Athena lottery. Results from the system, which closes Monday at 3 p.m., will be available Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Dorms feature varying events

Dormitories said that they would hold different events to encourage

interaction between freshmen and upperclassmen and to help freshmen choose where to live.

Some dormitories have large-scale events. For example, East Campus will sponsor its annual carnival on Sunday, featuring a moon bounce, snow cones, and a "truck tub" rolling down Amherst Alley, said Esther Y. Lee '98, East Campus rush chair.

At New House, scheduled activities include a playroom with games and miniature golf, said Candace S. Kamachi '00, New House rush chair. MacGregor House will feature a carnival on Sunday, including a dunk tank and a caricature artist, Jhanwar said.

Other dormitories will feature lower-key events. McCormick residents will "focus more on hanging out and spending time with the frosh and having them get a feel for what the dorm is like," Barci said.

Rush chairs disturbed by policies

Many rush chairs said that they were disturbed by the Dormitory Council's postering policy, which prohibits postering outside of the dormitory for events held before 6:15 p.m. Saturday evening.

According to Dormcon policies, dormitories may hold open houses and provide tours for interested students before Saturday evening, when dormitory rush officially begins.

The policy "seems sort of silly but it's a concession ... to the fraternities," said Random Hall Rush

Chair Jonathan R. Blandford '98.

Many others agreed. "You'd think that Dormcon ... would be on the dormitories side, but they're with the frats," Kamachi said.

Dormcon President Ashesh P. Shah '98 said that Dormcon saw both sides of the issue. "It puts us at a disadvantage because once some freshmen go across the river they're not going to come back for three days."

Fraternities, however, have to offer placement to a certain number of freshmen while dormitories will automatically be assigned a set number of individuals, Shah said.

"I understand it, and I can live with it," Lum said.

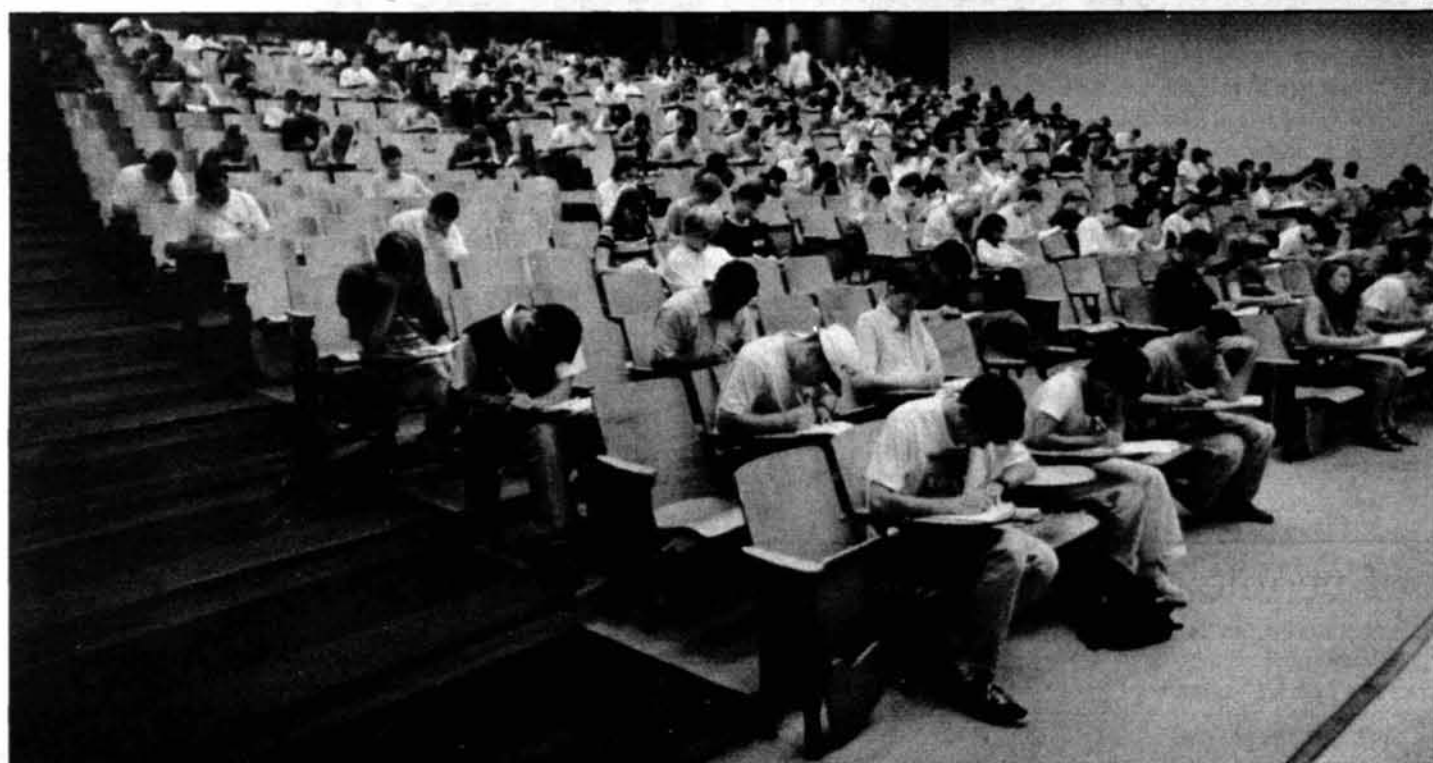
Some dormitories decided to plan events for the freshmen housed in their dormitory. Baker House, for example, has planned a breakfast and a barbecue for tomorrow, Baker House Rush Chair Jeffrey S. Brown '99 said.

New House held a barbecue for "anyone who doesn't want to go to the frats" on Friday night, Kamachi said.

Others, however, have planned few events until the official start of dormitory rush. MacGregor plans not to have tours and movies until Saturday night, Jhanwar said.

"We felt our [rush] budget was better spent on Sunday," said Blandford. Random Hall plans to have low-key events until Saturday night.

Frank Dabek contributed to the reporting of this article.



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Many Dorms Face Construction Delays

Construction, from Page 1

ence of temporarily housed freshmen in the dormitory, she said.

Originally, the construction was scheduled to start at the beginning of the summer, but was delayed, said Chris Nolan, general manager of maintenance and renovation for Housing and Food Services. "A lot of it was finding funding to do it, then finding an architect to do it" before construction could begin.

The construction is now ahead of its revised schedule, Nolan said.

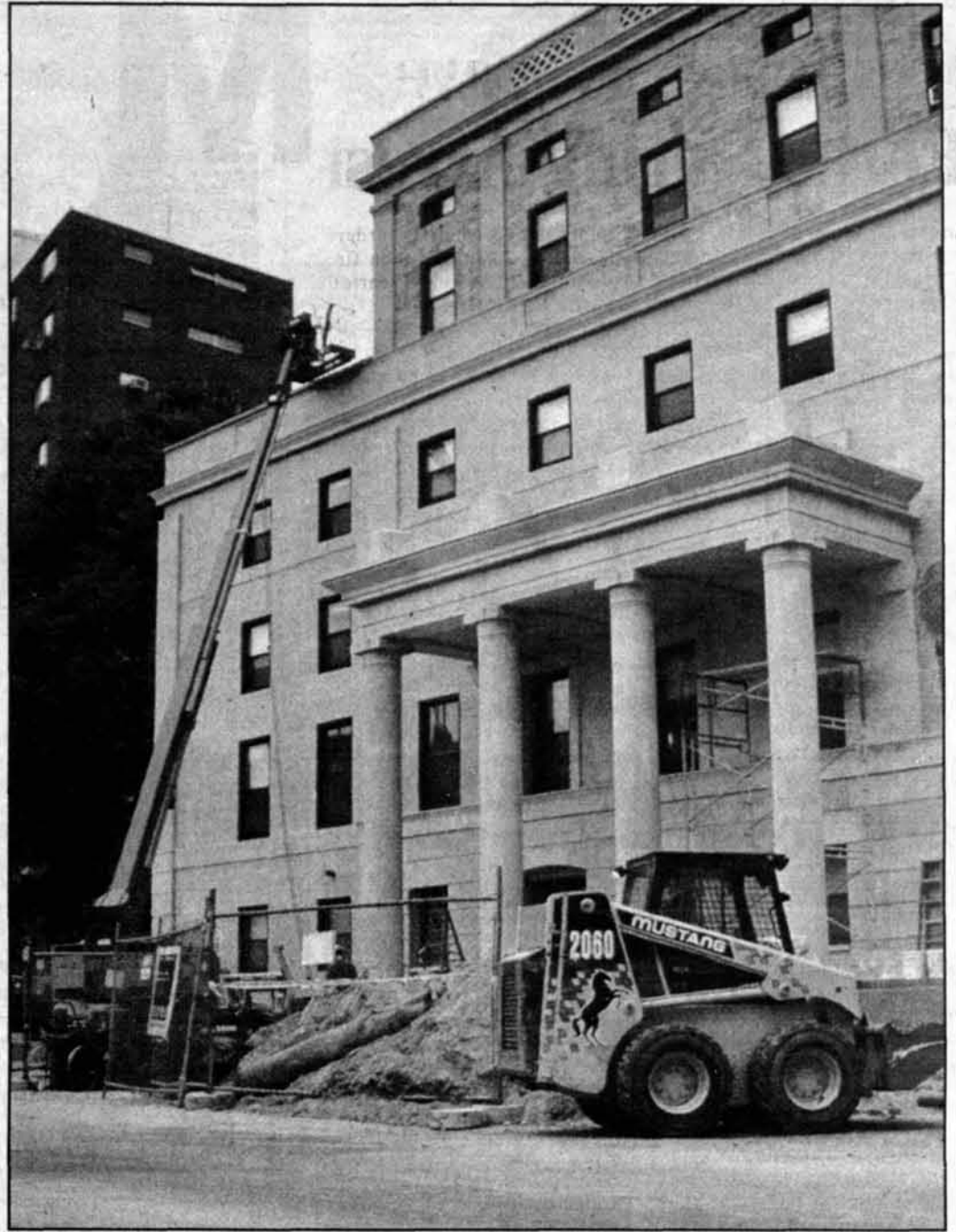
At MacGregor house, contractors are replacing the patio due to a history of leaks beneath it.

Construction there will continue into September due to changes in the initial specifications, Nolan said.

Other renovations include a new roof on East Campus, scheduled to be completed next week, a new roof on Ashdown House, and a recarpeting project in Random Hall being finished this week.

"We don't make students move out of their dormitories unless they're gutted," said Director of Project Development Stephen D. Immerman.

Overall, "I think it's gone very well," Nolan said. "We do want to get finished, but it's like this every summer."

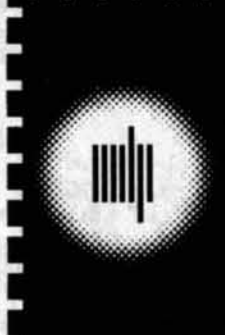


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Senior House construction continues into R/O Week, angering residents.



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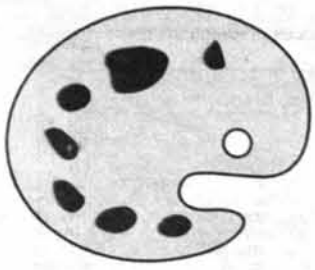
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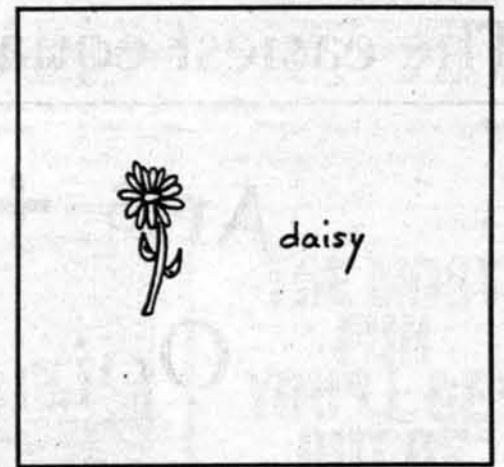
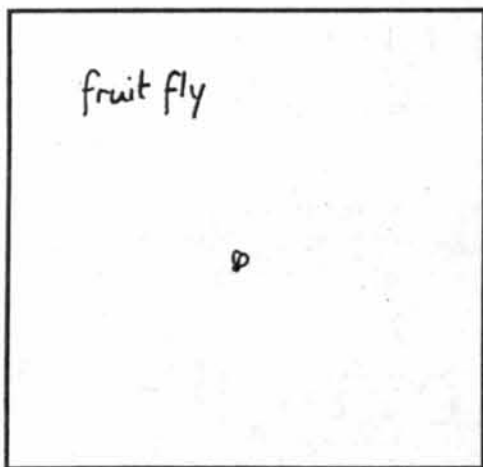
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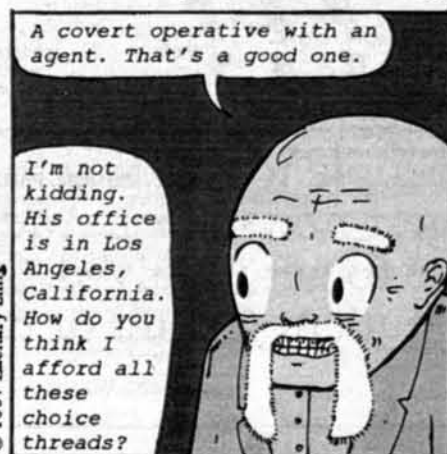
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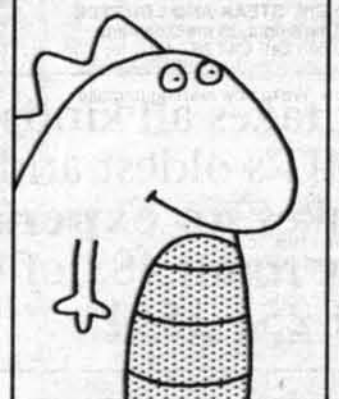
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Recap (First printed 4/18/97)

by Zachary Emig



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To be continued...

4:44p: **pika**. Spot the spelling error in one of today's Daily Confusion entries and call 492-6983 to claim free food.*

5:00p: **ΑΔΦ Italian Dinner**. Wassamatta you? You gotta eat, eat, eat! We got it all: spaghetti, canolis, lozanges, calzons, ferraris, pastas, lamborghinis, machiavelli, and maybe even some pizza. Call 576-YOU-NO-LIKA-WE-BREAKA-YOUR-FACE-A (576-2792) and we'll send out Guido and the boys to pick you up.**

5:00p: **AEII**. Welcome to New England, home of livestock and fresh seafood. To celebrate, we're having a Steak and Salmon dinner. Call 247-3170 to join us.**

5:00p: **Theta Xi**. Pig on a Stick! Help us eat a whole roasted pig on our front lawn. Lots of other goodies, too. 266-2827**

5:21p: **pika**. Harrison Ford wore khakis. What else did he do? Harrison Ford trivia at pika. 492-6983.*

5:42p: **WILG**. We wrote it, rehearsed it, and can't wait to perform it! Now the murderer is at large in WILG's **Mystery Cafe!** Call 253-6799 or 354-1263 for a ride.*

5:54p: **pika**. Have you ever been abducted by aliens? Have you ever experienced "missing time"? Is your watch 9 minutes off? David Duchovny's watch is 14 minutes off. This means he set it 5 minutes off the actual time. Aliens are responsible for the other 9 minutes, as well as for those dessicant packets in new clothing. call 492-6983 for a free watch resetting.*

5:55p: **Epsilon Theta**. DING! Pizza making in five minutes. Where'd you put the pineapple?*

5:59p: **ΑΔΦ**. Italian dinner is still plentiful at **ΑΔΦ**. Give us a call at 576-SPAGHETTI (576-2792) and we'll get Marlon and Al to give you a lift.**

6:00p: **La Maison Française. La Maison Française**. Diner: Faites vos propres pizzas. 5ème étage, New House 6.*

6:00p: **ZBT. PIZZA, PASTA, HOT LASAGNA!** Come on over for our gigantic Italian buffet, and hang around after dinner for **GO-KART RACING**. Call Rick for rides at 232-3257. **ZBT, THE POWERHOUSE OF EXCELLENCE ***

6:00p: **ΦΚΘ. PKT extreme Go-carting**. Got a little Andretti in you? Come show your stuff at the multi track Seekonk Grand Prix. There's also a 60 game arcade for game junkies. Call 437-7795 for a ride.

6:00p: **Epsilon Theta. DING! DING! PIZZA-MAKING PARTY!** Come top a pizza with your favorite toppings, avoid the anchovies and asparagus, and enjoy the fruits of your labors. Call 3-8888 for a ride.*

6:00p: **Pi Lam**. Feeding time is just around the corner, and unlike last night's Steak and Lobster, tonight at Pi Lambda Phi we're eating like Barbarians: no silverware, no manners, just men being Men. Grrraahgahagh! Call 267-4935

6:00p: **Sigma Chi**. Dinner and Comedy Show We'll be dining on an unbelievable steak dinner prepared by our gourmet chef Susan. After you eat your fill we'll be entertained by two of Boston's hottest young comedians. Don't miss this chance at some side splitting entertainment during rush.

6:00p: **Nu Delta**. Turkey Dinner!

6:00p: **German House**. German Cookie Bake-Off and Decorating Come join in the fun as we "attempt" to make and decorate some scrumptious German deserts for the Viennese Cafe that follows shortly! :P*

6:00p: **Phi Deltis. Phi Delta Theta. Steak, Lobster, & Swordfish Dinner**. Fine dining at its best! Come experience another tremendous Phi Delt feast while conversing with brothers and friends in the classy atmosphere of our dining room. Call 247-8691 for reservations.**

6:00p: **New House. Pic-nic @ New House!** Make a sandwich and take a breather in our airconditioned play room!

6:01p: **La Maison Française. La Maison Française**. Dinner: make your own pizza. You get to pretend to be a DominoUs Pizza boy without having to deliver in 30 minutes or less. Tips not included. 5th floor of New House 6.*

6:01p: **WILG**. Seating has begun for our dinner theater production of the 5th annual Mystery Cafe! What's better - the food or the acting? You be the judge. Call 253-6799 or 354-1263 for a ride.*

6:04p: **Epsilon Theta**. Hey, look! J's come out of his seclusion! And what's that?!?!? He's eating...*

6:15p: **Random Hall**. Looking for something different? Come to Random to see mature college students play with games and crafts. You could even join in if you want.*

6:15p: **Burton-Conner**. International Dinner.*

6:17p: **Random Hall**. Come make your own pizza. You can put anything we have on it an no one will stop you (chocolate chip, pepperoni, pineapple anyone?) While you're at it, check out our nifty music delivery system.*

6:18p: **AEII**. Get ready to laugh: Comedy later tonight. Call 247-3170 for details.**

6:22p: **TEΦ. Vegetarian Feast**. Delicious, nutritious, dead vegetables. You'd be surprised to know all the things you can do with string beans, tofu, and a little paste. Call 262-5090.**

6:30p: **Theta Chi. STEAK AND LOBSTER DINNER**. That's right, all the steak and lobster you can eat! Call 267-1801 for a ride.**

6:30p: **Pi Lam**. We're now starting to make pigs of ourselves at the Barbarian Feast. Pick up a hunk of meat (or manly vegetarian alternative) and join us. Call Pi Lambda Phi: 267-4935

6:30p: **MacGregor**. MacGregor's never ending /bf BBQ begins.*

6:30p: **Russian House**. "Back in the USSR": Soviet republics unite again at the dinner table! Don't miss the opportunity to make your own pirozhki, shashlyk (Armenian shish-kebob), plov (Uzbek pilaf with meat), and other dishes - a crash course in traditional national

cooking - directed at mature audiences. Food will be served :)*

6:31p: **pika**. We always have food this good! Tonight is roast chicken, veggie shish kebabs, stuffing, potatoes and gravy, corn on the cob, and cranberry bread. Rub you belly for luck and call 492-6983 for a ride on over.*

6:47p: **Random Hall**. Come show off your creative side! Come come model with Fimo clay, or make candles. Note: making candles with Fimo is also allowed, although unsupported. We also have plenty of pizza building materials left for the hungry. Note: making pizzas with Fimo is not allowed.*

7:00p: **ZY**. You knew something would be missing from your life when you realized that there weren't any authentic Mexican restaurants in Boston. We're trying to alleviate that situation by making a take Mexican restaurant in our house. Sample the chimicangas...*

7:00p: **ZBT. GO-KART RACING!** Risk your I@\$\$! at New England Grand Prix in their scaled-down formula race cars! These things put the "rush" in "Rush". For the non-thrillseekers, there's also an arcade with video games old and new, skee-ball, and wacky little prizes. Call Rick for rides at 232-3257. **ZBT, THE NON-PLEDGING FRATERNITY ****

7:00p: **AEII**. Carnival at AEII! Come try your hand at our football toss, pop-a-shot, pool, and foosball tables. Even get some cotton candy! For a good time, call 247-3170.**

7:00p: **Epsilon Theta. MOVIES!** Should we rent "The Princess Bride," "Lair of the White Worm," "Life of Brian," "The Highlander," or ... ? Help us decide! Call 3-8888 for a ride.*

7:00p: **New House. Make your own sandwich and pic-nic @ New House!** Chat with some upper classmen in our airconditioned play room and try out our miniature golf course.*

7:01p: **ZY**. we can even try frying ice cream in our frialator. There aren't any guarantees, but it's bound to do some pretty freakish things.*

7:10p: **Pi Lam**. Get Primitive: Eat at Pi Lam's Barbarian Feast. We're rapidly evolving back into civilized people, so hurry and call 267-4935.

7:17p: **Random Hall**. Wanna build a roller coaster? Worried about passing 8.01? Come play with our giant Space Warp set in the main lounge and send a metal ball zipping all over at high speeds. Also, as soon as it gets dark, we will play video games on our 10 foot wide screen on the roofdeck.*

7:18p: **AEII**. Getting hot and hungry out there? Well come on over and grab a sno cone a. Learn how to throw a football with cotton candy all over your hand. Call 247-3170 to learn a new skill.**

7:22p: **TEΦ. Coup of the Veggie Feast!** The meatarians have risen! Join or eat Spam! We will attack with buffalo wings from the East! 262-5090.***

7:30p: **Theta Xi**. Monte Carlo Murder Mystery...Our version of the classic casino party. Stick around for the prize drawing for a chance to win a Sony Discman! 266-2827**

7:30p: **Baker House**. Movies for most of the night. Come hang out if you're tired of rushing. Card Games, too!

7:30p: **MacGregor**. The never ending /bf BBQ continues*

7:30p: **New House**. You can still make your own sandwich @ New House, and the play room is always open, so come enjoy the air conditioning!

7:30p: **pika**. Ignite a roaring jet of propane gas in the bowels of pika's melting furnace, feed this juggernaut of thermal release with ingots of elemental aluminum, and pour the radiant digested matter into a mold of petroleum-bonded sand. After the fumes disperse and the silvery melt crystallizes, shake out the newly manufactured machine component and marvel at this triumph of metallurgical art. 492-6983*

7:45p: **ZBT. BUMMER**. You missed the ZBT GO-KARTS. WRONG! You can still come! Call Rick for rides at 232-3257.**

7:47p: **ΑΔΦ**. "Twas brillig, and the slithy loves did gyre and gimble in the wabe: all mimsy were the borogoves, and the Alpha Deltis outrabe. According to Humpty Dumpty's explication, that means the Alpha Deltis are making strange noises - is it poetry they read, or prose? Are they really oxidizing wax to light the room? Join them for an evening of literate relaxation - call 576-CARROLL or 576-DODGSON (576-2792) for a ride.**

7:47p: **Random Hall**. Captain Jolt and Major D'oh are about to lead the Caffeine Tours. Come with them and learn about the best places to get caffeine on campus.*

7:52p: **ΑΔΦ**. Made weak by time and fate, (and final exams) but strong in will / To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield. The MIT spirit goes literary! Join the Brothers of ΑΔΦ for our **Cafe Thursday**, where you can kick back and listen to the creations of Brothers and their favorite authors, all the while eating cookies by candlelight! Call 576-ALFRED, 576-LORD or 576-TENNYSON (576-2792) and we'll drive on over and pick you up! (If you feel like reading something, we'd love to hear it, as well.)**

7:55p: **ΑΔΦ**. Shall I part my hair behind? Do I dare to eat a peach? I shall wear white flannel trousers, and walk upon the beach. I have heard the mermaids singing, each to each. I do not think that they will sing to me. Call ΑΔΦ at 576-PRUIFFROCK (576-2792) for a ride - the festivities are only five minutes away!**

7:57p: **ΑΔΦ**. Twilight is upon us and soon night must fall. That is the way of things - the way of the Force. Alpha Delta Phi... That place is strong with the Force. In you must go. Already know you that which you need. Read you nothing that I write? Poetry you need not cite. Call the number for a ride... 576-LUMINOUS-BEINGS-ARE-WE (576-2792)**

7:58p: **ΑΔΦ**. When in the chronicle of wasted time / I see descriptions of the

*fairest wights / And beauty making beautiful old rhyme / In praise of ladies dead and lovely knights / I try to read aloud without a jest / I see their antique pen would have expressed... That a sonnet is too long for an entry just minutes before the event, so give Alpha Delta Phi a call at 576-THE-GREAT-BARD (576-2792) for a ride.***

7:59p: **ΑΔΦ**. Leonardo of Pisa (a.k.a. Fibonacci) would have been proud of the previous progression of Confusion entries... there isn't likely to be much math at the ΑΔΦ Cafe Thursday, though. Always a Cafe, never on a Thursday, it's a time when MIT students can listen to something other than engineering. Call 576-CONTRADICTIONS-R-US (576-2792) for a ride!***

8:00p: **La Maison Française. La Maison Française**. Soirée Cinéma Français: Les Compères. 5ème étage, New House 6.*

8:00p: **ΑΔΦ. ΑΔΦ Cafe Thursday**. Join us for a glimpse of the Literary Tradition of our fraternity. Enjoy witty conversation by candlelight in our pub. Thrill to readings of Thoreau, Emerson, Goethe, and Seuss. Call 576-POET (576-2792) and we'll pick you up right away.**

8:00p: **Senior House**. Come to Senior House's Mystery Party! We'll definitely have good food and music and plenty of atmosphere, but other than that... Maybe we'll have a nifty theme (probably not!) Maybe we'll have tubs of jell-o and neat toys! Maybe not. Who can say? Senior Haus: Dorm of Mystery and Illusion!

8:00p: **Nu Delta. BOAT CRUISE!!!** Join us on our relaxing boat cruise, touring Boston Harbor with scenic views of the city

8:00p: **German House**. Viennese Cafe Come join us for some Apfelstrudel, schwarzwäelder Kirschtorte (Black Forest Cake), and some cards, as we re-enact a street cafe in Vienna at the turn of the century. Guaranteed to please!

8:01p: **La Maison Française. La Maison Française**. French Movie Night: Les Compères - Tired of walking around all day? Well come and vegetate in front of a tv screen. It may be the last chance you get to do it before Thanksgiving. 5th floor of New House 6.*

8:01p: **pika**. breathe in, breathe out. it's respiration, now imagine ten thousand of yourselves crowded into a sticky trap the size of a basketball well, stretch your mind no longer... admire the lifestyle of the common household yeast. and knead it into submission. call the headline at 492-6983*

8:07p: **pika**. bread baking, tortilla making, come learn to make bread and tortillas or teach us a trick or two. call 492-6983 for a ride.*

8:12p: **ZY**. Well, do we have some spectacular things for you to do...but you'll have to come over to find out exactly what they are. Pretty tricky, huh?

8:13p: **ZY**. Ok...you've got us to give in. We'll be doing cool neat wacky stuff like going to Jillian's game hall, go carts, wandering about in Harvard square, and freezing anything and everything that we can in liquid nitrogen. Watch out!

8:17p: **Random Hall**. Come have fun with Origami. If you know how, teach us something. If not, we'll teach you.*

8:18p: **AEII**. Just one hour left until COMEDY NIGHT. For a laugh, call 247-3170.**

8:22p: **TEΦ. Björn Björg's Science Smörgasbjörg!** Björn goes Bjöorn! Electric hot-dogs! Glöwning Pickles! TEP's Very Large Capacitor Array! Spark! Bang! Good thing we have a blöter fume hood! Call 262-5090**

8:30p: **Theta Chi**. We're going to BOSTON BILLIARDS. You should, too. Play some pool and munch some nachos while meeting our brothers. Call 267-1801 and we'll come and pick you up.**

8:30p: **Pi Lam**. Big Shindig at Pi Lam - LIVE BAND. Let me say that again. LIVE BAND. It's like a mantra. LIVE BAND.. LIVE BAND.. Mmmm, I feel better already. Call: 267-4935**

8:30p: **TEΦ. 2.2 Megawatts of Metal-Melting Power!** Smell the ozone as we vaporize chunks of copper pipe with TEP's blöter capacitor array! The Smörgasbjörg continues...**

8:35p: **TEΦ. bzzzzzt!** Come see Björn's 500 kilovolt Tesla Coil! 22 inch sparks! Not approved by the FCC. 262-5090**

8:40p: **TEΦ. 77 Kelvin**. That's the boiling point of nitrogen, and we have 200L of the stuff for you to play with in its liquid form. Call 262-5090, and watch Frostbyte demonstrate how he earned his nickname.**

8:44p: **TEΦ**. The climax of the Science Smörgasbjörg... Öððóh! Öðbleck! Non-Newtonian fun for the masses. Marvel at the fluid that you can toss like a ball and catch like a puddle. That number again: 262-5090.**

8:47p: **Random Hall**. Come see Batman projected on our giant screen on our roofdeck. We'll be watching movies till the sun comes up!

9:00p: **Spanish House. QUIERES VIVIR CON NOSOTROS? POR SUPUESTO! VENG A UNA REUNION. CONOZCA LOS MIEMBROS DE LA CASA. Y DESCUBRE COMO ES VIVIR AQUI. RENUNION EN EL QUINTO PISO DE NEW HOUSE 3.***

9:00p: **Phi Sig. Ice Skating** Skating and hockey on BU's world class ice rink. We provide the skates, you provide the skills ... or lack of them.

9:00p: **MacGregor**. Chocolate Founde I in the TFL**

9:00p: **Phi Deltis. Phi Delta Theta. Night on the Town**. Come for a free, guided, insider's tour of Boston. By T and by foot, the brothers will show you the best that Bean Town has to offer. Time permitting, we'll stop by Jillian's to shoot some pool. We'll then return to the house for a Sundae Fest like you've never seen!

9:00p: **New House. Movies under the stars!** Have some popcorn and popcorns, stick your feet in the kiddie pool on the terrace, recline on a couch in the lounge, even lie in the grass, and

watch movies on our screen in the courtyard! There will also be games and **marshmallow toasting**. If you like, you can **sleep over and stay for breakfast too**. (pillows/blankets provided). If it rains, movies will be shown on a screen indoors.*

9:03p: **pika**. sprechen sie espanol? parlez-vous deutsch? habia zhong guo hua? ha-EEM a-TA m'da-BER francais? ni hui bu hui shuo eev-REET? some of us speak many languages. some of us only babble. sdrawkab keeps su fo emos. come speak, babble, or just hang out and mumble at pika. call 492-6983 and just say "murr murr murr".*

9:17p: **Random Hall**. Come meet the natives and get a tour of the dorm. We've got movies upstairs and downstairs and we're getting ready for liquid nitrogen ice cream.*

9:18p: **AEII**. -LIVE COMEDY AT AEII-**

9:25p: **Epsilon Theta**. Here's one for all you cryptic crossword fans: *dairy dessert gorging myself, undulating; alternatively, turn right. Answer in five minutes.**

9:29p: **pika**. ever wanted to burn an evil birthday present? ever wanted to be an arsonist but worried about possible legal ramifications? come ignite evil books and crooked architecture models in pika's backyard with rosa and max. call 492-6983 for free lighter fluid and a ride.*

9:30p: **AEII**. Now presenting: "Night at the Improv!" We'll bring you to the laughs, call 247-3170 for a ride.**

9:30p: **WILG**. Missed the WILG Murder Mystery Cafe? Come have desert with us and we'll tell you who did it! Call 253-6799 or 354-1263 for a ride.*

9:30p: **Pi Lam**. Pi Lam Party - LIVE BAND! a REAL band. a REAL LIVE band. Not only are these guys living, breathing, people, they're good, too. Fancy that. LIVE BAND. Call: 267-4935**

9:37p: **Russian House**. Ever heard of KBH? Well, it's not Jeopardy, it's not Eurovision, it's not a comedy show.... It is a show of improvisation, wits, humor, and sarcasm where two or more teams of 10 or more people are on stage desperately to amuse a continuously growing audience. Tonight our own KBH Team will sponsor a number of improv comedy games that they play to stay in shape. Wanna know more? Come, see for yourself.*

9:45p: **Pi Lam**. The party is just beginning... (I heard something about a LIVE BAND?) Call Pi Lam 267-4935**

9:47p: **Random Hall**. Ringo Starr. Inspired drummer or lucky stiff? Come debate with us. Most other topics available for discussion as well.*

10:00p: **ΑΔΦ. House Band, "Daddy's Soul Donut"** playing at Alpha Delta Phi. They've been through all the clubs, but now you can see them free of charge on the Alpha Delt patio. Call 576-KICK-IT (576-2792) for a ride to where the wild things are.**

10:00p: **Senior House**. Thinking about visiting Senior Haus? Well, we're still having fun. So come by and get down with MIT's weirdest, wackiest dorm.*

10:00p: **Burton-Conner**. Hawaiian Tropical Paradise Social.*

10:00p: **Pi Lam**. We're rockin' the house here at Pi Lam with our LIVE BAND and uhh, well, our LIVE BAND. 267-ROCK!***

10:00p: **MacGregor**. Yummy Chocolate Founde in the TFL*

10:00p: **Sigma Chi**. Dessert Buffet If you've got a sweet tooth this is the place to be. Our brothers will be serving up a dazzling array of cookies, cakes, brownies and many other home-cooked favorites to satisfy the sugar cravings of everyone.*

10:00p: **New House**. We're showing movies in our courtyard outside, so have some popcorn and popsicles and watch from the terrace, the lounge, or lay in the grass. We'll have games, a kiddie pool, and **marshmallow toasting too!** If you like you can **sleep over and stay for breakfast!** (pillows/blankets provided). If it rains, movies will be on a screen indoors.*

10:17p: **Random Hall**. Come play with liquid nitrogen. We'll be making ice cream floats, shakes, ice, and a very large mess. It'd be a shame not to share this with someone.*

10:18p: **AEII**. We're laughing so hard, we snarfed our drinks! Call 247-3170 to be part of the fun.**

10:22p: **TEΦ**. One fish, twenty-two fish, purple fish, TEP fish. Okay, maybe not. Come to the **Beatnik Dr. Seuss Reading** and learn all about green eggs and Spam. Call the Hep Cats at 262-5090.**

10:24p: **Epsilon Theta**. The Epsilon Theta Players present processed, fat-free, low-calorie, no salt, no preservatives - Shakespeare Lite. Fun for the whole family.*

10:30p: **La Maison Française. La Maison Française**. On doit être ennuyé de biffeet d'hormard. Venez à la Maison Française pour du dessert. Nous avons de la glace, des crêpes, et des jeux. 5ème étage, New House 6.*

10:30p: **Phi Deltis. Phi Delta Theta. Ice Cream Social**. With the laid-back, casual atmosphere reminiscent of our classic Thursday Night Socials, this ice cream sundae fest is simply incredible!**

10:30p: **pika**. some folks might claim that there is no T stop between central square and kendall square, but we know the truth... it's the underground Liberty Cafe, serving a wide variety of cafesque beverages, including chai ("it's like a hug from the inside", their sign claims). come on over to pika and we'll go caffeinate ourselves en masse. (492-6983).*

10:31p: **La Maison Française. La Maison Française**. You really must be tired of steak and lobster by now. Come to French House and have some ice cream and crepes. While you're not stuffing your face, you can join us in playing board games. 5th floor of New House 6.*

10:43p: **ZY**. Oh, boy! More late night happenings at Zeta Psi! Try your hand at making tasty eats in our kitchen - or just be creative. How many other times have people told you to play with your food?

10:47p: **Random Hall**. We're showing episodes of Aeon Flux on our roofdeck, the most incredibly cool secret agent in the entire world. These are some of the strangest cartoons produced in America. Come watch. It'll be fun. But it won't make any sense whatsoever.*

11:00p: **Epsilon Theta**. Bedtime stories with Uncle Foo.*

11:00p: **New House. Movie nite under the stars!** We've got games, **marshmallow toasting**, and a kiddie pool out too, so you can dip your feet and watch movies from the terrace! Too hot to sleep? You're welcomed to lay in our **air-conditioned lounges- sleep over and stay for breakfast!** (pillows/blankets provided). If it rains, movies will be on a screen indoors.*

11:17p: **Random Hall**. Do you play chess? Come play BugHouse with us. This team game is a high-paced, fun chess derivative where you get to play with the pieces your partner captures. No pressure to win or lose. All levels of play are welcomed and accepted.*

11:18p: **AEII**. Need some time to relax after a tough day? We're roasting Smores 'N More to enjoy the evening. Call 247-3170 for chocolate, graham crackers, marshmallows, and More!**

11:30p: **Theta Xi**. What would hit the spot right now? 'bout an Ice Cream Party! 266-2827**

11:30p: **Theta Chi**. We know you're still hungry. Come on over for Theta Chi's Midnight Snack featuring all the ice cream and cheesecake you can eat. Need a ride? Call 267-1801.**

11:30p: **Pi Lam**. The party is still on fire at Pi Lam. In a figurative sense, of course. The LIVE BAND is still tearing apart the stage (also in a figurative sense)... you really don't want to miss it. 267-ROCK for a ride... woo-hoo!**

11:47p: **Random Hall**. Movies, food, and good company. What more could you ask for? If you think of something, come tell us and we will try to summon it.*

12:00a: **Senior House**. Part of the fun of being in college is setting your own schedule. (That, and you don't need to worry about your parents walking in on you...) So exercise your right to stay up late and visit Senior Haus, the dorm that never sleeps!

12:00a: **MacGregor**. MacGregor's never ending BBQ continues*

12:00a: **New House**. Too hot to sleep? Come lay in our **air-conditioned lounges**, or dip your feet in the kiddie pool on the terrace and enjoy the night-time view of Boston. There will be games and **marshmallow toasting**, and **movies under the stars**. you're welcomed to **sleep over and stay for breakfast too**. (pillows/blankets provided) ;) If it rains, movies will be on a screen indoors.*

12:17a: **Random Hall**. Eaten a lot of good food over rush? Watch Tampopo on the ten foot screen on our roofdeck and laugh at all the food!

12:47a: **Random Hall**. We have Jimmy Hoffa buried in our basement crypt. He secretly led the UPS strike from there. Zombie teamsters... it's starting to get late... can you tell?*

1:00a: **MacGregor**. More food at the BBQ*

1:00a: **New House**. Bored? Too hot to sleep? Come play games in our **air-conditioned play room or toast some marshmallows!** We've got a pool out on the terrace so you can dip your feet and watch the city lights across the river. **sleep over and stay for breakfast too if you like**. (pillows/blankets provided) ;)*

1:17a: **Random Hall**. Aidan is going to bed. Come sing him a lullaby.*

1:47a: **Random Hall**. Come do a jigsaw puzzle with Mojo. He likes jigsaw puzzles. He likes to play with jigsaws, too, so let's try to stay on his good side...*

2:00a: **Senior House**. Exercise your right to party! So what if it's 2 am? Carpe noctem! Semper ubi sub ubi! Seize the carpl!

2:17a: **Random Hall**. It's time for another movie. For the braindead, we have Army of Darkness (subtitled in Japanese!) on the roofdeck. Come learn the correct way to say "groovy" while wielding a chainsaw.*

2:23a: **ZY**. It is now 2:23 a.m. Do you know where your children are?*

2:24a: **ZY**. oh, wait...*

2:47a: **Random Hall**. Come bask in the glory that is the Clam. Note that this is an actual event.*

3:17a: **Random Hall**. For those returning from the Orange Tours of those that want to pretend they are, we've got a freshly made breakfast prepared. We'll serve french toast, eggs, bacon etc. etc. What's not to like?*

3:47a: **Random Hall**. Football in the basement anyone?*

10:07a: **pika**. pika: plankton inflames killer amoeba. 492-6983.*

10:08a: **pika**. pika: please ignore killer avacadoes. 492-6983.*

10:09a: **pika**. pika: posthumous iguana kills again. 492-6983.*

10:10a: **pika**. pika: porfavor, immobilize killing at pika. give peace a chance. 492-6983.*

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4:17a: **Random Hall**. Come play Quake on the roofdeck until the sun comes up.*

4:47a: **Random Hall**. If you're awake, go to bed. They're still a lot of Rush left, and you need some sleep.*

Activities

8:30a: **Hillel**. Shabbat Services at Hillel(W11)*

1:00p: **Hillel**. Shabbat Lunch, free for new students, at Hillel(w11)*

In case of emergency, dial 100 from any MIT phone. Other important numbers: Campus Police: 253-1212 Med Center Emergency: 253-1311 R/O Center: 253-2500 UAA: 253-6772 Nightline: 253-8800 Delta Psi or St. Anthony Hall: please see No.6

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NOTE: A single asterisk (*) following a listing indicates a coed or female living group. A double asterisk (**) indicates an activity to which women are cordially invited.

